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Home Minister meets Kuki civil society groups in Churachandpur district; Centre likely to appoint a judicial commission headed by a retired Supreme Court judge to probe violence in the State

Vijaita Singh
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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday appealed for a 15-day peace in Manipur during a meeting with Kuki civil society groups in Churachandpur district, a member of the Kuki group said.

The Centre is likely to announce a judicial inquiry commission headed by a retired Supreme Court judge to probe the violence in Manipur, Muan Tombing, general secretary of the Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum (ITLF) told *The Hindu*.

"The Home Minister said peace be given a chance for the next 15 days for a solution to be achieved. He said the Centre will appoint a judicial commission and separate teams will visit Imphal and Churachandpur during the period. We assured the Minister that we will not attack any group but if attacked, we will defend ourselves," Mr. Tombing said.

He said Mr. Shah promised a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe. He said the Kuki groups pressed for President's Rule and reiterated demand for a separate administration from Manipur.

"The Minister asked us to surrender arms, but we told him that these are licensed weapons to defend ourselves. We told him that till Meitei groups – the Aarambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun – surrendered the weapons looted from police armoury, we will not lay down arms," Mr. Tombing said.

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Peace strategy: Union Home Minister Amit Shah at a meeting in Imphal on Tuesday. ANI/ PIB

State witnessing ethnic clash, not insurgency: CDS

PUNE
The current turmoil in Manipur is primarily an ethnic clash and has nothing to do with insurgency, said the Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan. "It is a law-and-order kind of situation and we are helping the State government," Gen. Chauhan said. » PAGE 8

Wrestlers defer plan to immerse medals

Distress call: Farmer leader Naresh Tikait taking away medals from the protesting wrestlers, huddled on the banks of the Ganga in Haridwar on Tuesday. ANI

Mehul Malpani
NEW DELHI

Gathered on the banks of the Ganga at Haridwar to immerse their medals as an act of protest just two days after their eviction from Jantar Mantar, India's top wrestlers were stopped from their drastic act by the intervention of farmer leader Naresh Tikait on Tuesday evening.

Taking the medals away, he bought five days of time from the grapplers who are seeking the arrest of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh on charges of sexual harassment.

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B. Dayananda is city Police Commissioner

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The government posted B. Dayananda as the Bengaluru Police Commissioner on Tuesday. He was heading the State Intelligence Bureau.

He replaces C.H. Pratap Reddy who has been transferred and posted as DGP, Internal Security division.

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A heart-breaking loss in the final notwithstanding, Hardik and his Titans are here to stay

While many sides may need an overhaul in several departments next season, the 2022 champion looks set to re-emerge, powered as it is by a leader who will not settle for mediocrity

IPL-16

Lalith Kalidas

Shining stars: The emergence of Noor Ahmad and the soaring excellence of Shubman Gill were the cornerstones of Gujarat Titans' campaign in the IPL 2023 season. K.R. DEEPAK

For the second year running, Hardik Pandya's Gujarat Titans was undoubtedly the most complete squad in the Indian Premier League (IPL). But for the orisons of the yellow blossom on the banks of the Sabarmati, a dogged Hardik had to let go of the throne this time for Chennai Super Kings captain M. S. Dhoni, his revered philosopher and guide.

"I'm very happy for him (Dhoni), destiny had this written. If I had to lose, I'd rather lose to him. Good things happen to good people, and he's been one of the best people I know," Hardik remarked with a sense of pride.

After two nights of thrills and literal spills at the Narendra Modi Stadium, the most frenetic of all T20 tournaments ever played was fittingly whittled down to the last two permissible deliveries to decide the champion.

As Ravindra Jadeja and Shivam Dube struggled to dig out Mohit Sharma's inch-perfect string of four yorkers in the final (15th) over of a 171-run chase, the Titans had enumerated the power of their rehearsal and conviction in finding the right men for different tasks. CSK and Mumbai Indians had mastered the art over the years.

The trophy cabinet is a testament. In character, the Titans are primed to head the same way.

When Hardik let out a wide, relieved grin before Mohit's fifth delivery after a brief halt for strategic deliberations, it seemed like one more of his meticulous decisions had impetuously proved right.

But as sport would have its conniving look at every achiever, Mohit would let Jadeja soar with a six. Even with four needed off the final delivery and the chances of an attempted blockhole delivery slipping into a loosener high, the title seemed to stay in the Gujarat den.

But Jadeja, a hardwired Saurashtrian, flipped the scales with a cheeky swipe past short fine-leg for four in an epochal finish to an extraordinary season.

A composed Hardik and his men accepted the lesson with grace. If their brief yet triumphant run is anything to go by, the side will return with renewed tactics to stave off blips created by the impact of individuals touching rare air in the opposition.

All four of GT's league-stage defeats sketched out distinct acts of belligerence. Only an otherworldly Rinku Singh heist for the Kolkata Knight Riders, a Sanju Samson-Shimron Hetmyer counterattack for the Rajasthan Royals, an Ishant Sharma death-bowling masterclass for the Delhi Capitals, and T20 batting scientist Suryakumar Yadav's maiden IPL century for MI have trumped the Titans. Simply put, no binding of ordinary or even above-average quality cricket has gone past them this year.

Dhoni and Co. nearly spilt it on Monday night when the captain's decisions erred on multiple fronts and his local pacers were a letdown again. But the CSK batters won the hard skirmish of negating two of GT's best bowlers, Mohammed Shami and Rashid Khan, on the night of the final.

Shami, the most effective new-ball proponent of the season, went wicketless. Rashid, an automated threat every day of the year, was clobbered left and right for 44 runs in three overs.

The Afghan wrist-spinner's hot and cold performance, in hindsight, lingers as one of the sporadic blemishes for the Titans. While Rashid recorded his best season in terms of wickets (27), he also conceded runs at 8.23 runs per over, a drastic spike from his career economy of 6.67. Rashid also conceded the second-most runs (552) ever by a bowler in any IPL season, surprisingly only behind CSK's Tushar Deshpande, who conceded 564 runs this year.

Quick learners

However, the Titans' malleability to mould and live up to their challenges has surprised most teams. A no-nonsense approach from the management, helmed by coach Ashish Nehra, has ensured that they have tapped into simplistic areas for realistic improvements on the field.

GT's batting had an anchor-heavy outlook in its title cruise last year. Sai Sudharsan's nimble rise to fill an injured Kane Williamson's shoes in the first match this season suggested continuity in approach. However, midway into their maiden home-and-away campaign, the Titans grasped the necessity for a quicker approach.

A princely Shubman Gill's precocious fulfilment with the bat made the Titans take a pragmatic call to drop Sudharsan five matches into the season, disallowing emotions to override rational judgement. Hardik selflessly took up an unfamiliar role at number three and even allowed Vijay Shankar to realise his full potential as a clean ball striker in the middle-order, ahead of the southpaw muscle of David Miller and Rahul Tewatia. And when runs once again became a non-negotiable currency towards the business end, the Titans were willing to add the Sudharsan cushion in the top three. It nearly paid off in the final with the left-hander's enticing 47-ball 96.

In the most run-conducive edition in 15 years, IPL-16 produced a record 1124 sixes, with the overall batting strike rate crossing 140 (141.71) for the first time.

The Titans stood at the forefront of the revolution, enhancing their strike rate from 132.33 in 2022 to 146.69 - the third-best this year. The range-hitting also found a new dimension for the Titans on the healthy Ahmedabad pitches, with the sixes count vaulting to 124 from a lowly 79 in 2022.

Barring the Rashid aberration and the odd game-defining spells of fringe bowlers Yash Dayal and Darshan Nalkande, the Titans have plenty to look forward to on the bowling front too. Besides Shami and Mohit's inimitable presence, which firmed up the PowerPlay and death overs, the Titans also unearthed a sprightly left-arm spinner in Noor Ahmad. In his maiden stint, the 18-year-old managed 16 wickets at an appreciable economy of 7.82, also outshining his senior compatriot Rashid with a stellar two for 17 in the final.

While teams like MI and CSK may need an overhaul in several departments next season, the Titans could re-emerge as the team to beat, powered by a leader who will not settle for mediocrity.

The amazing rise of Luton from non-league football to the Premiership

Neeladri Bhattacharjee

Dance of delight: The Luton players celebrate their elevation to the top flight. COURTESY: LUTONTOWN.CO.UK

Luton Town, a football club from a small area about 30 miles off London, has spent most of its time toiling in the lower divisions of English football.

Since 1992, when it was relegated from the first division, the club has suffered points deduction, a bankruptcy scare and successive exits down the pyramid to end up in non-league football.

To put things into perspective, English league football is a five-step hierarchy, which starts with the Conference Premiership and ends with the first division, now called the Premier League. Non-league football is the sixth step.

On May 27, 2023, it beat Coventry City on penalties at Wembley in the EFL Championship playoff final to complete its return to Premier League.

The Hatters have written a Hollywood script for themselves.

Means everything

"It means everything," Rob Edwards, the Luton Town manager said before launching into a rendition of Bon Jovi's 'Always' and holding the play-off trophy on the Luton Town Hall balcony.

"It's for you, the Luton Town people, for the town, these players who deserve it, for the backroom staff who work so hard, the board. We've got to enjoy this moment."

Luton's resurgence began 10 years ago under manager John Still, who had helped Dagenham & Redbridge F.C. rise from fifth division (National League) to third division (League One) in four years.

John - taking over a side that had four managers in four years - chose to rebuild in the 2013-14 campaign and won the National League in his first season in charge.

Even as John left in 2016, new manager Nathan Jones, the former caretaker-manager of Brighton and Hove Albion, ensured the club's progress, earning successive promotions to League One and then to the EFL Championship in 2019.

The dream to the top was finally taking shape. Until it was not. In the 2021-22 Championship playoff semifinal, Luton was eliminated by Huddersfield Town and then Southampton poached Jones away.

The person who then came to its rescue was, until recently, a key member of an enemy camp – Edwards, the manager of its arch-rival Watford. And under him, the journey to its maiden Premier League campaign was complete.

Deciding its fate

Luton had faced heartbreak to Blackpool in the League Two playoff semifinal, losing 6-5 on aggregate in 2017, which forced it to play in the third division for another season.

When it entered Wembley, for the Championship playoff final, it looked to bury the ghosts of its past, for a spot in the Premier League. But just then, another stumbling block appeared.

Its captain, Tom Lockyer, fell unconscious on the field without any contact from the opposition, leaving the side shocked.

However, they heaved a sigh of relief after he was attended to by the medical team and taken to the hospital. "He is responsive and talking to his family, who are with him. We are all with you, Locks," read the club statement.

Soon, Jordan Clark found the net, putting the Hatters in front. The 29-year-old, after receiving the ball on a cutback from Elijah Adebayo, earned the lead only to see Coventry's Gustavo Hamer cancel it in the second half.

As the match trudged into penalty shootouts after a goalless extra-time, Fankaty Dabo's miss for Coventry in sudden death saw Wembley become Luton's 'Theatre of Dreams' for a day.

Tale of irony and learning

Jones - who Southampton signed in 2022 from Luton to escape Premier League relegation - had been the backbone to develop the side to rise up the pyramid. At the end of the 2022-23 season, Luton ended up becoming one of the teams to replace Southampton in the Premier League.

The Hatters, after all, had the last laugh.

For Edwards, it was his testament to perseverance. The 40-year-old was sacked by Watford mid-season, last year saying that his performances 'hadn't reflected the club's hopes and ambitions.'

Watford, too, was relegated last season while Edwards found his moment of glory with arch-rival Luton.

But the most beautiful story of them all has been one of loyalty through and through. Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu, a product of West Ham United, was loaned away from the Premier League side after a brief spell there, in 2013.

Luton Town became his destination, a club whose training ground was then also used by dog owners to walk their pets and the club was out of the English League football system.

"I was thinking to myself, 'Ah nah, this is not what I'm familiar with,'" he said in a recent interview, reflecting on his arrival at the club. In 2023, life came full circle for him as he became the first player to move from Non-League football to Premier League with a single club.

Mpanzu has become part of the club's furniture now - an almost permanent figure at Kenilworth Road, Luton Town's home stadium.

Getting into the League of big boys next season, there will be major changes needed. Kenilworth Road is the smallest stadium in the top flight with a capacity of just over 10,300 - acceptable for a fifth-tier side.

Playing in the Premier League will be worth an estimated £170 ($210 million) in increased revenue - a chunk of which will get into the expansion of its old home as well as the development of a new one, expected to finish by 2026.

But for now, Luton Town would cherish its fairytale run - one that took 10 years, months of sleepless nights, constant perseverance of footballers, an army of football fanatics from Luton and hope for the sun to shine again.

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From a lack of services during the late evening hours to last-mile connectivity, citizens have often flagged issues with the city bus services provided by the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC).

Despite more options being available now, including Namma Metro, BMTC buses continue to be the lifeline of the public transport in burgeoning Bengaluru, catering to an average ridership of around 28 lakh.

On Thursday, IAS officer Sathyavathi G., Managing Director of BMTC, will answer your questions as she participates in #THtalksBengaluru, a live chat with *The Hindu* and its readers from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

You can send in your questions to us via mail (letters.bangalore@thehindu.co.in) or on our Twitter handle (@THBengaluru) right away, apart from participating in the live chat.

Visit: https://tinyurl.com/BMTCMD

At a glance

No of schedules	**5,563**
No. of vehicles	**6,767** daily
Service km	**10.51** lakh
No. of trips	**5,4429**
Depots: 50	Daily traffic revenue ₹4.43 crore
Bus stations **48**	
Staff employed **29,412**	
Bus staff ratio	**5.29**

*Data as on February 28, 2023
Source: BMTC

Free bus travel for women after tomorrow's Cabinet meeting, says Ramalinga Reddy

All details, including revenue and condition of bus fleet, have been taken. The Ministers also discussed how the transport corporations can offer free bus service to women passengers, said KSRTC official

The Hindu Bureau
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The much-awaited free travel for women in ordinary buses – one of the promises of the Congress – will be implemented after the Cabinet meeting on Thursday, according to Minister for Transport Ramalinga Reddy.

On Tuesday, he met officials of the four State-run road transport corporations (RTCs) – BMTC, KSRTC, NWKRTC and KKRTC – in Bengaluru.

Later, Mr. Reddy informed reporters, "A report from the officials, regarding the scheme, will be submitted to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday. On Thursday, in the Cabinet meeting, a decision will be taken. The principal secretary of the transport department has been asked to prepare a report.""

When asked about conditions, if any, for free bus services to women, Mr. Reddy said, "All will be decided in the Cabinet meeting."

At the first meeting of the Cabinet of the newly-formed government in Karnataka on May 20, a decision was taken to implement the five guarantees promised to voters in the poll manifesto of the Congress party.

Mr. Siddaramaiah had earlier said details of implementation of these schemes would be worked out during the next Cabinet meeting. The departments concerned have been told to issue orders for implementation of these schemes.

A Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) official, who participated in the meeting, told *The Hindu* that the Minister had taken all details, including revenue and condition of bus fleet. They also discussed how the corporations can offer free bus service to women passengers in Karnataka.

The Congress party had guaranteed five schemes, which includes, Shakti - free travel for women in ordinary public transport buses across Karnataka, Gruha Jyothi - 200 units free electricity per month to every household, Gruha Lakshmi – ₹2,000 every month to every women head of a family, Anna Bhagya – to distribute 10kg of rice every month to every member of BPL family, Yuva Nidhi – ₹ 3,000 a month to unemployed graduates, ₹1,500 to unemployed diploma holders every month for two years (in the 18-25 age-group).

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy addressing officials regarding free bus service for women, at KSRTC head office, in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Operational cost of 4 State-run road transport corporations

(April 2022 to March 2023)

	KSRTC	BMTC	NWKRTC	KKRTC
Employees' cost	1,876.31	1,688.53	1,450.68	1,071.00
Fuel cost	1,858.97	809.04	970.10	845.87
Vehicle maintenance & repair	235.40	91.61	110.39	76.10
Accident compensation	55.53	33.42	56.79	25.00
Depreciation	172.43	135.00	58.28	36.62
Motor vehicle tax	188.15	-	-	86.70
Interest	21.38	62.33	17.28	17.96
Disposal cost	236.22	74.14	228.60	96.07
Electric vehicles' operational cost	-	63.80	-	-
Total	**4,644.39**	**2,957.87**	**2,892.12**	**2,256.11**

*all figures in ₹ crores

IISc developes novel thermal desalination system

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BENGALURU

As a possible solution to increase the availability of clean, potable water, Indian Institute of Science researchers have developed a novel thermal desalination system which can work using solar energy.

The most common methods for desalination are membrane-based reverse osmosis and thermal desalination. However, both consume a lot of energy. According to IISc, thermal desalination systems work by heating saltwater and then condensing the resulting vapour to obtain freshwater. "But the energy required for evaporation is usually obtained from either electricity or combustion of fossil fuels. An environmental-friendly alternative is using solar stills in which solar energy is employed to evaporate saltwater in large reservoirs and the vapour that condenses on a transparent roof is collected. However, during condensation, a thin layer of water forms on the roof, reducing the amount of solar energy that can penetrate the reservoir and therefore, the system's efficiency," said IISc.

Apart from seawater, the system can also work with groundwater containing dissolved salts as well as brackish water. It can be adjusted to align with the shifting positions of the sun during the day.

From Page One

B. Dayananda is city Police Commissioner

M.A. Saleem, Special Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Bengaluru, has been promoted and posted as DGP, Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Special Units and Economic Offences, Bengaluru. In an effort to tackle the burgeoning traffic problem in Bengaluru, the previous government created a special post and brought in Mr. Saleem as special commissioner. Now, with his promotion and transfer, it is not clear whether the government will continue with the post or go back to giving the responsibility to an additional commissioner of police. K.V. Sharath Chandra, ADGP, CID has been transferred and posted as ADGP, Intelligence, in place of B. Dayananda.

C-CAMP receives CSR support from Cytiva

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BENGALURU

Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP) has received Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding from global biotech giant Cytiva to support early-stage start-ups in India.

Bengaluru-based C-CAMP is an initiative supported by government of India. C-CAMP has directly funded, incubated and mentored 350-plus start-ups valued at above $850 million over half-a-decade.

The funds from Cytiva will go into identifying promising early-stage ventures and accelerating their commercialisation trajectory by providing incubation and technical support, mentorship, pilot scale development, regulatory approval guidance, as well as networking opportunities with investors and industry stakeholders.

Some of the areas in the ambit are agriculture, nutrition, animal husbandry, environmental sustainability, mental health and wellness.

Dr. Taslimarif Saiyed, Director-CEO, C-CAMP, said, "We thank Cytiva for their generous support towards our mandate of fostering innovation that focuses on various societal needs."

Dayananda is passionate about fitness and bike-riding

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The new police commissioner of Bengaluru, B. Dayananda, is a 1994 batch officer with a bachelor's degree in public administration. He is from Ranebennur in Haveri district of Karnataka.

He had earlier served as commissioner of transport and road safety, the Joint Commissioner of Police, Crime and Traffic, in Bengaluru city, and as Additional Director-General of Police (Intelligence), Karnataka, since August 2020.

His international assignments include a stint in the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) as a civilian police officer from 2003-04.

Mr. Dayananda is passionate about fitness and bike-riding. He is known as a tech-savvy officer. He started the first police blog in 2005, and was instrumental in setting up an exclusive forensic lab in Karnataka to investigate cyber crime.

He has bagged many medals, including Commendation Roll from the Director General of Police of Border Security Force for specific field and operational role performed in anti-insurgency operations in Jammu and Kashmir while under training (1997), the Chief Minister's Gold Medal for the year 1998 for outstanding performance as sub-divisional police officer, United Nations Medal for World Peace Keeping for service rendered as civilian police officer in Kosovo, e-Gov Award for Innovation, 2006 by e-Gov magazine in recognition of creation of one of the first ever police blogs on the internet for dissemination of police news, the President's Police Medal for meritorious service on Republic Day 2011, and the President's Police Medal for distinguished service on Republic Day 2022.

A May 2016 photo of B. Dayananda, then Police Commissioner of Mysuru, inaugurating a bicycle rally during Child Line 1098 awareness event.

Minorities unhappy as Saleem is not appointed as Police Commissioner

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The announcement of the name of the new Bengaluru Police Commissioner has left members of the minority community unhappy as they were rooting for M.A. Saleem, Special Commissioner for Traffic, until Tuesday, to be appointed to the post.

Around a week ago, a delegation comprising elected leaders, Ulemas (religious heads) and community leaders met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at his residence and submitted a list of demands for the community, including appointing M.A. Saleem as the Commissioner of Police.

The delegation reasoned that 40 years ago, Nizamuddin was the only Muslim commissioner in the history of the city police and making Mr. Saleem as commissioner would be ideal as there will not be any Muslim officers in the near future to contend for the post.

The delegation also reminded him how Mr. Siddaramaiah made Mr. Saleem the commissioner of Mysuru city when he was Chief Minister.

The delegation said though Mr. Siddaramaiah's reaction was positive, they were disappointed to see that Mr. Saleem was not made the commissioner when the order came on Tuesday. The selection of Mr. Dayananda has also raised eyebrows as he served as the State Intelligence Chief for two Chief ministers in the BJP government.

In an open letter to his colleagues, Mr. Saleem announced the change in his role and thanked traffic police personnel for their cooperation and diligence in maintaining traffic

Thank you note

Hours after getting promoted to head CID, Mr. Saleem thanked all his colleagues for the cooperation extended to him during his tenure as Special Commissioner, Traffic. In an open letter to his colleagues, Mr. Saleem announced the change in his role and thanked traffic police personnel for their cooperation and diligence in maintaining traffic.

"I expect the same kind of cooperation, bonding, commitment and quality of services from you. I wish you all the best in your personal and professional life," he further said in his letter.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of my client **Sri VENKATACHALA T S/o Sri Thimmahanumaiah** Would Like To Inform The General Public that the **ORIGINAL SALE DEED,** related to the site no 27, BBMP ward No. 40, Doddabidarkallu grama, yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, bearing document no 43678/03-04, Book I, stored in C D No 166, dated 16.03.2004,registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Bangalore North is LOST. An FIR for the same has been lodged on 29.05.2023, bearing lost report no 0579235/2023. Public are informed that the finder/s of the above document are requested to hand over the same to undersigned and General Public are also warned to not enter into any transaction based on the lost document and any transaction will not binding on my client If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore side mentioned document, they shall return the same or contact the undersigned in writing within **14 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

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All the piece and parcel of property bearing **Site No. 27,** BBMP ward No. 40, (Doddabidarkallu), Assessment No. 55/2, katha no. 71, Old BBMP katha no. 9712, comes under the **Doddabidarkallu gram, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.** And measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet in all measuring 1200 square feet, and bounded on:

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The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/17/2023 Dated : 25.05.2023

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Proposed upgradation / development of maintenance infrastructure at Sir. M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Maintenance of Vande Bharat Chair car trains - Extension of MEMU Shed. **(Tender Ref. No: BYPL-3CT-18)**	**Rs. 3,86,78,099/-**

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 16:00 Hrs. on 16-06-2023

Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/18/2023 Dated : 25.05.2023

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Construction of New Broad Gauge line including Signal & Telecommunication, Electrification & Electrical General Service works between Mid Section (Km : 5.72) and Kuppam (Km : 23.7) of Marikuppam - Kuppam New Line Project. **(Tender Ref. No: MKM-KPN-EPC-PHASE-2)**	**Rs. 3,79,56,00,000/-**

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SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
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Srl. No. (1) E-Tender No. DRM-ENGG-BSP-T-10-23-24, Date: 23.05.2023

Work: Execution of Zonal works for various bridges under the jurisdiction of Sr. divisional Engineer/East/Bilaspur for the period ending **30.06.2024. Tender Value (In Rs.): 60,00,000/-, EMD (In Rs.): 1,20,000/-, Completion Period:** upto **30.06.2024.**

Srl. No. (2) E-Tender No. DRM-ENGG-BSP-T-19-23-24, Date: 23.05.2023

Work: Execution of Road Zonal works under the jurisdiction of Sr. divisional Engineer/East/Bilaspur for the period ending **30.06.2024. Tender Value (In Rs.): 80,00,000/-, EMD (In Rs.): 1,60,000/-, Completion Period:** upto **30.06.2024, Start date of Submission of Tender: 05.06.2023, Last date of Submission of Tender:** Upto **11.00** hrs. on **19.06.2023**

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01	CGM (Contract Management)	01	Deputation	Refer Sl. No. 1(a)		
			Contract	Rs.2,30,000/-	25	Min-45 Max-55
02	GM (Planning & Business Development)	01	Deputation	Refer Sl. No. 1(c)		
			Contract	Rs.2,25,000/-	20	Min-45 Max-55
03	JGM (Electrical & Mechanical)	01	Contract	Rs.1,25,000/-	15	43
04	AM (Company Secretary)	01		Rs.60,000/-	2	30

Note:
i. Please refer the detailed employment notification published in CMRL website vide URL: **https://chennaimetrorail.org** for further information.
ii. Last date for receipt of application is **30.06.2023**

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Testing breakthrough challenges 'world's worst wildlife disease'

Asia is lagging behind the rest of the world in chytrid research, yet a new qPCR test detected high levels of chytrid in a range of amphibian species in India. The test will need to be validated before it can become the gold standard.

Kaya Klop-Toker
Karthikeyan Vasudevan

EXPLAINER

For the past 40 years, a devastating fungal disease has been ravaging frog populations around the world, wiping out 90 species. Unlike the global COVID-19 pandemic, you may not even be aware of this "panzootic" - a pandemic in the animal world. Yet it's the world's worst wildlife disease.

Recently published in the journal *Transboundary and Emerging Diseases*, a multinational study has now developed a method to detect all known strains of this disease, caused by the amphibian chytrid fungus.

This breakthrough will advance our ability to detect and research this disease, working towards a widely available cure.

An extreme mortality rate

Chytridiomycosis, or "chytrid" for short, has driven severe declines in over 500 frog species and caused 90 extinctions, including seven in Australia.

The extreme rate of mortality, and the high number of species affected, makes chytrid unequivocally the deadliest animal disease known to date.

Chytrid infects frogs by reproducing in their skin. The single-celled fungus enters a skin cell, multiplies, then breaks back out onto the surface of the animal.

This damage to the skin affects the frog's ability to balance water and salt levels, and eventually leads to death if infection levels are high enough.

Chytrid originated in Asia. It's believed that global travel and trade in amphibians led to the disease being unwittingly spread to other continents.

Frogs in regions such as Australia and the Americas did not have the evolutionary history with chytrid that could grant them resistance.

So, when they were exposed to this new pathogen, the results were devastating.

Many species' immune systems were simply not equipped to defend against the disease, and mass mortalities ensued.

In the 1980s, amphibian biologists began to notice sharp population declines, and in 1998, the chytrid fungal pathogen was finally recognised as the culprit.

Since then, much research has focused on infection trends and how to protect vulnerable frog species. To track such trends, we need a reliable way to detect chytrid in the first place.

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An imperfect swab

To find out if a frog is carrying chytrid, researchers swab the animal and run the same type of test you might recognise from COVID-19 testing - a qPCR.

It stands for quantitative polymerase chain reaction, and simply put, is a way to measure the volume of DNA from a species of interest. The test was developed at CSIRO in 2004; unlike a COVID test, however, scientists swab the frog's skin, not the nose.

Because this test was developed from chytrid in Australia, decades after the pathogen's arrival in the country, a divergence between the Australian and Asian strains meant this test could not detect chytrid in its region of origin. This has been a major limitation to the past two decades of chytrid research.

Over the past several years, a team led by researchers at the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology in India has been working on a new qPCR test that can detect strains of chytrid from Asia. In collaboration with researchers in Australia and Panama, we have now verified the new test also reliably detects chytrid in these countries.

Furthermore, the test can detect another closely related species of chytrid that infects salamanders. The test is also more sensitive, meaning it can detect very low infection levels - thereby broadening the scope of species we can study.

Natural immunity?

The most puzzling thing about chytrid is that some amphibian species - even those that have not evolved with the pathogen - don't become sick when they carry the fungus. These species have some form of natural immune resistance.

However, frog immunity is extremely complex. Immunity might come from anti-microbial chemicals within the skin, symbiotic bacteria on the skin, white blood cells and antibodies in the blood, or combinations of these mechanisms.

So far, no clear trend has been found between resistance and immune function. To make matters more complicated, there is also evidence chytrid can suppress a host's immune response.

Because there haven't been any observed chytrid declines in Asia, and because detecting chytrid in Asia has been difficult, Asia is lagging behind the rest of the world in chytrid research. Yet the new qPCR test detected high levels of chytrid in a range of amphibian species across India.

Having the ability to study chytrid in its region of origin may help us understand how Asian species evolved resistance - research that may hold a key to help researchers develop a cure for those species in Australia, North and South America, and Europe that are now on the brink.

While the new qPCR test was successful at detecting chytrid in samples from India, Australia, and Panama, we will need to validate and promote the method so it becomes the new gold standard for chytrid testing.

Future work will involve using the test to analyse samples from Europe, and samples from Brazil where genetic studies show that chytrid has diverged. In time, this new way to detect chytrid could be the first step in helping to save frogs - the hidden gems of our forests and wetlands.

(Kaya Klop-Toker is a bonservation biology researcher, University of Newcastle. Karthikeyan Vasudevan is chief scientist, CSIR-Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology, Hyderabad. This article is republished from The Conversation.*)*

THE GIST

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BIG SHOT

A baby sloth at a sanctuary in Cahuita, Costa Rica. Scientists have found in the notoriously lazy mammals' fur a unique mix of insects, fungi, algae, and bacteria creating a delicately balanced biome that keeps sickness away. Scientists are now wondering whether they could apply this to humans. EZEQUIEL BECERRA. AFP

QUESTION CORNER

Mosquitoes, insect vectors 'cannot transmit HIV'

Q: Sharing a needle is said to spread AIDS virus. Mosquitoes also use a needle like proboscis to suck blood from our body. Therefore will not mosquitoes spread AIDS just as they spread malaria?

A: "No," said Dr. P. Krishnamoorthy, project director, AIDS prevention and control programme, Voluntary Health Services, Chennai.

"It has been categorically proved in many ways that mosquitoes or any other insect vector cannot transmit the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) which is responsible for causing the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)," he said.

In the case of malaria or filaria, the mosquito acts as an intermediary host in which the parasite undergoes one life cycle.

The malarial parasite multiplies in the body of the mosquito and gets collected in the mouth, ready for deposition on a host. Thus it acts as a vector.

In the case of HIV, the mosquito is not a vector. HIV cannot live in mosquito blood and can survive only in human blood. That is why it is called human immunodeficiency virus. The moment HIV enters the body of a mosquito, it is killed, he said.

A mosquito uses its proboscis only to suck blood and not inject blood into our body whereas a needle is used for both.

This also supports the argument that

Aedes mosquito on human skin. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

HIV will not be transmitted by mosquitoes. Epidemiological studies from Africa and elsewhere, where HIV is prevalent and mosquitoes are plenty, also prove the point.

(*From the archives*)

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Periodic maintenance and planting right species will minimise tree-fall cases during monsoon, say experts

Authorities have not maintained the trees for a very long time and concretisation is the root cause of uprooting of trees, says the director of Research Centre and Centre for Climate Change. Experts also say a tree census should be conducted to know the health of the trees

Hemanth C.S.
BENGALURU

Experts point out that an assessment of trees should be done before the monsoon season begins, in order to avoid accidents. FILE PHOTO

Around 255 trees were uprooted, and 1,050 branches were broken in the pre-monsoon downpour in the city last week. If the pre-monsoon showers could wreak such havoc, imagine what would be in store when the actual monsoon showers hit Bengaluru in the coming days.

What could be done to prevent the uprooting of trees and minimise the damage?

Experts weigh in that periodic inspection, maintenance and planting the right trees is key to prevent tree falls.

Harini Nagendra, director, Research Centre and Centre for Climate Change, Azim Premji University, said that the authorities for a very long time have not maintained the trees, and concretisation is the root cause of the uprooting of trees in Bengaluru.

"We have not maintained our trees at all; every time there is a road widening, they (authorities) either dig up the roots or concretise the trees or they cut some branches to allow some building to be better seen. People also put nails on the trees. So overall, we have not managed to maintain our trees well," said Ms. Nagendra.

Bhargavi Rao, a senior fellow and trustee at Environment Support Group, also said that concretisation has resulted in the weakening of trees in the city, due to which whenever there are heavy rains in the city, there are instances of uprooting of trees.

"What we have done wrong is we have either put tar or cement on the pavement which goes upto the trees. In many places, even half feet of the stem part of the tree is covered. We are not leaving the basic amount of space for the roots and the water to percolate properly because everywhere tar or cement or cobblestones are covering up the trees," said Ms. Rao.

Tree census

Vijay Nishanth, president, Project Vruksha Foundation, said that a tree census should be conducted to know the health of the trees and the data should be shared at the ward level.

"First and foremost, they have to conduct a tree census which they do not have. Most of the trees in Bengaluru are mature trees. We do not know which tree is brittle and which is strong.

"Until we know the health of the trees, these incidents will keep happening. For developing infrastructure projects in the city, they have cut roots, unevenly cut and choked trees. So, tree census should be done, and the data should be shared at the ward levels which in turn should be regularly monitored," said Mr. Nishanth.

Plant the right species

Experts also said that choosing and planting the right tree is key to avoiding tree falls.

"Trees stay for a long time. You need to plant the right species. If you plant deep-rooted species like neem or rain trees, they will not fall easily, but gulmohar falls very easily because the roots are shallow," said Ms. Nagendra.

Ms. Rao said that in the past, rain trees and gulmohars have been planted in large numbers and now the authorities should opt for indigenously locally suited spices which are not very big and huge.

She also added that the BBMP and the horticulture department should consult botanists and academia on such issues.

"Unfortunately, they do not consult botanists or the academia. BBMP goes about doing what they want, and the Forest Department does not seem to be applying their mind when it comes to these things," she added.

Experts also pointed out that an assessment should be done before the monsoon season in order to avoid accidents. "In other countries, what they do is before the rainy season starts, they go across the city, look at each tree and do an assessment of whether it is going to be stable or if it needs to be pruned. They check if there are rotting branches or if it's lopsided on one side, then you prune a branch. How to save it, how to make it more stable all these needs to be done but nobody seems to look at these issues here," said Ms. Nagendra.

Weak trees

The BBMP said that as part of its standard operating procedure, prior to the onset of monsoon, teams are deployed to identify weak trees and remove them.

Besides, branches are also trimmed as part of the monsoon preparedness.

"Most of the branches are trimmed as part of the monsoon preparedness, and we also make sure that weakened and dead trees are removed.

"However, we cannot predict wind speed, and due to unforeseen incidents, there could be incidents of branches falling down and trees getting uprooted," a BBMP official said.

Heavy rain lashes parts of city

Earthmover is being used to clear stagnated rainwater on Jayamahal Palace Road in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Pre-monsoon rain accompanied with gusty winds lashed the city on Tuesday, disrupting lives. Several roads were inundated causing inconvenience to the commuters.

Deputy Chief Minister (DCM) D.K. Shivakumar directed the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to visit flood-prone areas following which executive engineers of the civic body are camping to address the issues.

The Joint Commissioners of all the zones have been directed by the minister to closely monitor the situation.

Lingarajapuram underpass was inundated with knee-deep water, halting the traffic during the evening hours. The city has been witnessing rain since Tuesday afternoon. According to the BBMP control room, at least five trees uprooted and several branches were broken which were cleared by the forest department.

The commuters in the city were seen wading through flooded roads. Traffic near R.T. Nagar was hit after water from the shoulder drain entered the road. Outer Ring Road near RMZ EcoSpace was waterlogged. A

BBMP official said the situation in the city is under control and officials are on standby to deal with flood-like situations arising from rains.

INBRIEF

Applications invited for diploma in Agriculture

University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, has invited applications for a two-year diploma in Agriculture and Sericulture courses in Mandya and Chintamani respectively. Candidates with Kannada as a language in SSLC and with 45% marks are eligible to apply. 50% seats are reserved for children of farmers. The last date for submitting an application is June 30. Contact in person UAS-B, GKVK campus, Bengaluru - 560065. Visit www.uasbangalore.edu.in or call 080-23330149.

Water adalat to be held tomorrow from 9.30 a.m.

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will hold water adalat on Thursday from 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in various parts of the city to settle issues related to water billing, delay in providing water supply and sanitary connections, delay in converting from domestic connection to non-domestic connection and other related problems. According to a BWSSB release, the Adalat will be held at East 1-1, East 2-1, South East 1, South East -4, West 1-1, West 2-1, North West 1, North West 3, Central 1-1, North East 1 and North 1-1 sub divisions. For any problems regarding the water supply, members of the public may contact 24x 7 call centre: helpline number: 1916. Complaints can also be filed through whats app no: 8762228888, the release stated.

B-report filed in Sankey Tank protest case

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

The Halasuru gate police filed a B-report in a case against citizens who participated in a walkathon opposing construction of Sankey Tank flyover and road widening project. This comes after the High Court stayed a police probe against the protestors on Monday.

B-report is filed when the police find no evidence against the accused to file chargesheet and seek trial.

Although the FIR was filed by Sadashivanagar police station in February, the case was transferred to Halasuru police station after various organisations in support of protestors approached the City Police Commissioner demanding withdrawal of case. Instead of withdrawal, the case was moved to another police station. The police had booked eight citizens and 70 unknown persons under Sections 143 (unlawful assembly), 341 (wrongful restraint), 283 (obstruction of any person in any public path) and 149 (unlawful assembly with common object). The citizens in protest against the proposed project marched near Sankey Tank after assembling inside a park. The citizens did not shout any slogans or display placards.

The project is now halted along with other government projects after the new Congress government took charge. A press note issued by Citizens for Sankey said, "After HC stayed investigation in this case, Halasuru police closed the case filing the B-report." Avijit Michael of Citizens for Sankey said, "HC upheld our constitutional rights. This is one more victory for active citizens and democracy."

Dy. CM consults legal team over delimitation, says govt. keen on holding BBMP elections

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar during a meeting with officials at the BBMP head office. MURALI KUMAR K.

Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar is in consultation with his legal team over scrutinising ward delimitation notified by the erstwhile BJP government, in a first step towards holding polls for Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

Mr. Shivakumar, talking to *The Hindu*, said, "We have to give power to the people. In order to expedite the process of moving towards polls, Congress has formed a committee headed by Ramalinga Reddy, Transport and Muzrai Minister, to review delimitation." On asking whether it was legally viable to revise delimitation of wards, he said "I have instructed my team of advocates to look into the same."

Mr. Shivakumar had earlier mentioned that the government is keen on holding elections which is long pending and said representative administration is the need of the hour for the BBMP and the government will decide after reviewing delimitation. "If the committee receives complaints about delimitation, we have to work towards addressing the same," he added.

A senior IAS official, who was privy to a meeting held with Mr. Shivakumar at BBMP office on Monday, said, "The Minister during the meeting while emphasising on conducting polls said the government will take a call on whether to hold polls for 198 wards or 243 wards after consultations with all the stakeholders. He also pointed that people's administration through representatives is always better than bureaucratic administration. He was very keen on holding polls."

The BBMP is without an elected council for almost three years. Civic activists have been demanding for elections as the city is suffering from several civic woes.

However, not all in the Congress are as enthusiastic like Mr. Shivakumar. N.A. Haris, Shantinagar MLA, who has been vociferously opposing BJP's delimitation, said unless the problems pertaining to delimitation are addressed, it is not advisable to hold elections. "The then BJP government had carved out wards in their favour which will have ramifications if the elections are held. We will speak to the government to take necessary action for revision," Mr. Haris said.

Another Congress Minister who is part of the committee said, "We are apprehensive on how to review delimitation as it has been finalised. But we will be reviewing reservation which was also done to favour the BJP." After reviewing the government will take a final call on holding polls, the Minister added.

Timings
BENGALURU

WEDNESDAY, MAY. 31	
RISE 05:53	SET 18:42
RISE 15:18	SET 02:43
THURSDAY, JUN. 01	
RISE 05:53	SET 18:42
RISE 16:09	SET 03:21
FRIDAY, JUN. 02	
RISE 05:53	SET 18:43
RISE 17:04	SET 04:02

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	35	27
Mysuru	34	21
Bengaluru	31	23

Bengaluru Today
35°C The weather will be little warm and humid. Night also will be pleasant. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower is likely to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
32°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be warm and humid. Night also will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower.

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Mango mela in Lalbagh from June 2 to 11

Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU

The much-anticipated mango mela, which is organised annually at Lalbagh Botanical Garden by the Horticulture department, will begin from June 2 and will go on for nine days until June 11. Although around 100-120 stalls used to be set up for the farmers every year, this year, only 40 stalls will be put up at the mela.

While the mela itself has been delayed due to the Assembly elections this year, the reduction in the number of stalls has upset the farmers.

"The Karnataka State Mango Development and Marketing Corporation Limited (KSMDMCL) said that they had to cut down on the number of stalls because there is a shortage of funds. We met the newly appointed Horticulture Minister and told him about this problem and requested him to take steps for the welfare of mango farmers. He has assured us that he will soon hold a meeting and look into our problems," said Dharanish Kumar, president, Kanakapura and Channapatna Mango Growers' Association. However, the officials of the Horticulture department said that there was no fund crunch. "There was a delay in the mela schedule as there were elections. I have instructed the director to provide all the resources they need for the mela," said Rajender Kumar Kataria, Principal Secretary, Horticulture department.

Rains during the flowering season led to a nutritional imbalance in mango trees which had affected the yield. The hailstorms which occurred in the major mango-growing regions of Kolar has further reduced the yield by 50% of what it was earlier. Some farmers remarked that the non-availability of mangoes was also one of the reasons for the reduction in the number of stalls this year.

Wide varieties of mango like Badami (alphonso), Raspuri, Sakkargutthi, Sendhoora, Mallika, Malgova and Imam Pasand would be available at the mela where mango lovers can directly purchase the fruits from the farmers.

APPOINTMENT

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DU looks at rising foreign admissions in academic year 2023-24

700 students. This is the number of foreign students admitted in Delhi University across undergraduate, postgraduate, and PhD courses compared to the 637 students admitted in the year 2022-23, according to DU officials. PTI

The number of torchbearers to carry Olympic flame in Paris

10,000 The flame will be passed through 60 French departments ahead of the 2024 Games. Each bearer will carry the flame for around four minutes over a distance of 200 metres. AFP

Maharashtra farmers to get financial aid under new scheme

6,000 in ₹. The 'Namo Shetkari Mahasanman' will support more than one crore farmers in the State annually. This scheme is in addition to the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana. PTI

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95,911 in ₹ crore. Investment through participatory notes has seen growth in the last two months mainly due to the country's robust economic growth. This is the highest level since November 2022. PTI

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The shift in the U.S.'s approach to China

What has been the takeaway from the recent G-7 summit in Hiroshima? Why is the U.S. shifting from the Trump-era policy of decoupling to de-risking in its attitude towards China? How has China reacted to the change in policy? Did the Russia-Ukraine conflict play a role?

EXPLAINER

Anand. V

The story so far:

The Trump-era focus of the U.S. to decouple from China is being phased out by a new concept. The U.S. has expressed that it is shifting its policy on China from decoupling to de-risking. The EU has already declared that its approach to China will be based on de-risking. The recently concluded G-7 summit at Hiroshima, through its Leader's Communique, has also expressed the grouping's consensus on de-risking.

What is 'de-risking'?

After the establishment of diplomatic ties between the U.S. and China in 1979, both the countries embarked on a path of increasing economic interdependence. China gained immensely from this relationship, as it helped the country drastically widen and deepen its diplomatic and economic engagement with the rest of the world. As China's economic and military power grew, its ambition to challenge the primacy of the U.S. in the international system became increasingly apparent. China's rise not only came at the expense of America's global clout, but also the latter's domestic industry, which got "hollowed out" in its four-decade old economic embrace with China.

By the time Donald Trump took over the reins of power in the U.S., dealing with the techno-economic challenge from China became a matter of urgency. The Trump administration made it a point to attack the gargantuan bilateral trade imbalance in favour of China. It also wished to keep the U.S's high technology sector out of China's reach. In a series of moves, Trump raised tariffs on Chinese imports which invited retaliatory tariffs from China. The U.S.-China 'trade war' started, and bilateral relations were set on course for a "decoupling" from the American standpoint. This approach was marked by a rare sense of bipartisanship in an otherwise polarised domestic political climate in the U.S.

Therefore, the Biden administration which took over from the Trump administration continued with the latter's China policy. However, over time, the Biden administration added its own features into the China policy inherited from Trump. Most recently the label of "decoupling" has been changed to "de-risking". According to the U.S. National Security Advisor Jack Sullivan, "de-risking fundamentally means having resilient, effective supply chains and ensuring we cannot be subjected to the coercion of any other country". While decoupling stands for an eventual reversal of the four-decade old project to enmesh the two economies, de-risking aims to limit such an effect only in areas where it undercuts the national security and industrial competence of the U.S.

This shift has been articulated by the Biden administration in two recent landmark speeches – by the Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen on the "U.S.-China Economic Relationship" at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies on April 20, followed by that of Jake Sullivan on "Renewing American Economic Leadership" at the Brookings Institution on April 27. Recent legislations in the U.S. such as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, CHIPS and Science Act as well as the Inflation Reduction Act have been subsumed under this new approach. The U.S.'s geo-economic initiatives like the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment as well as the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity are also supposed to reflect the spirit of de-risking.

Changing gears: U.S. President Joe Biden with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen at the G-7 Summit, Japan on May 20. ANI

Why de-risking?

In order to understand the rationale behind the U.S.'s shift from decoupling to de-risking, it is important to comprehend the timing of the move. The policy change has been announced in the wake of several events of high geopolitical significance. The world has just emerged out of the tentacles of the pandemic after three disruptive years and the global economy is hoping for a resulting rebound. The U.S.-China rivalry had peaked in the past few months – from the ratcheting of tensions across the Taiwan Strait to the acrimonious spy balloon episode between the two countries. China also witnessed Xi Jinping beginning his second decade of rule over China in an unprecedented third term as the General Secretary of the Communist Party of China, Chairman of the Central Military Commission and President of the People's Republic of China, ever since the dawn of the reform era. In parallel, a year has passed since Russia began its special military operation in Ukraine, with the conflict going on without any end in sight. Mr. Xi, after starting his third consecutive leadership term, made his first foreign visit to Russia where he proposed a peace plan. He has also, in his third leadership tenure, extended his "peacemaking diplomacy" to West Asia, striking gold in normalising the frayed Saudi-Iran ties. All of these developments have necessitated the U.S. to recalibrate its posture towards China. In such a situation, casting the U.S.-China relations as a new Cold War and a zero-sum game appears to be risky for the U.S. Bringing more nuance into its earlier decoupling approach could bring down China's guard and give the U.S. more room to re-consolidate its strength.

Perhaps, the Russia-Ukraine conflict could have played a pivotal role in enabling the U.S's policy shift towards China. The Biden administration, unlike its predecessor, has made it a point to reassure its European allies. At a time when China has been backing Russia in its shadow battle in Ukraine against the West, the idea of decoupling hardly appeals to the European Union (EU). The EU has in fact been looking to woo China in order to convince it to stop supporting Russia from skirting Western sanctions.

In this context, a watered down version in the form of de-risking could better achieve the objective of getting Europe on board the U.S's efforts to counter China. It is therefore no surprise that the U.S's recent articulation of its de-risking approach repeatedly draws references to the European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen's milestone speech on "EU-China relations" to the Mercator Institute for China Studies and the European Policy Centre on March 30. In her speech, Ms. von der Leyen stressed that the EU's strategy to China will be based on de-risking. This was a precursor to her visit to China in April, along with the French President Emmanuel Macron, with the Russia-Ukraine war as the main agenda. In fact, China policies of the U.S. and the EU have been witnessing a significant convergence of late – recent developments may have only triggered the Trans-Atlantic consensus on de-risking vis-à-vis China.

What could be the geopolitical ramifications of de-risking?

The U.S. efforts to keep its allies closer in its geopolitical rivalry against China by adopting the path of de-risking has already won a significant victory in Japan at the G-7 summit. The leaders at the summit declared that they will coordinate their "approach to economic resilience and economic security that is based on diversifying and deepening partnerships and de-risking, not de-coupling". China has expressed its scepticism to the West's de-risking approach, portraying it as a façade to the decoupling agenda. Moreover, China has expressed its disapproval in painting China as the actor responsible for heightening geopolitical risks. According to China, the real source of risks is the U.S., which it alleges to have created instability across the world by pursuing political and military interventions and perpetuating a Cold War mindset.

The continuing emphasis in de-risking to diversify supply chains away from China demonstrates that the Trump-era spirit of decoupling is being carried forward, albeit with some changes. This could also make the West's moves to counter China's rise much more sustainable by facilitating a united front among allies. However, its effectiveness could be questionable, as it has dialled down U.S's rhetoric against China which could be read by the latter as a sign of its adversary's weakness. Though countries like India will stand to benefit from de-risking by leveraging its benefits like attracting supply chains and confronting China's aggressive moves, it could also come at a cost. With the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the consolidation of the European alliance being the major triggers behind this shift, de-risking could lead to U.S. focus on the Indo-Pacific being diluted, at least for the short term.

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THE GIST

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DKS puts onus of getting clearances for irrigation projects on officials

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Congress government in Karnataka has put the onus of getting necessary clearances for the State's irrigation projects from the Centre on the officials concerned.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who also holds the Major and Medium Irrigation portfolio, issued such instructions to senior officials of the Water Resources Department at the first review meeting of the department. Mr. Shivakumar, who earlier led a two-phase padayatra demanding implementation of Mekedatu project, asked officials to implement both the Mekedatu and Mahadayi projects on priority.

He said he would soon meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Water Resources Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat to seek clearances for the State's projects.

He would also hold a meeting of the State MPs to take them into confidence, he said.

He expressed displeasure over not utilising ₹1,000 core earmarked for Mekedatu project in the State Budget during the erstwhile BJP government.

MoEF returns State govt.'s proposal for de-reservation of forest land in Shivamogga

The proposal sought to de-reserve 9,219 acres of forest land to benefit people affected by Sharavathi hydroelectric project

Sathish G.T.
SHIVAMOGGA

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF) of the Union government has sent back the State government's proposal for de-reservation of forest land, released earlier for rehabilitation of families affected by the Sharavathi Valley Hydroelectric Project.

In March this year, the State government sent a proposal to deserve 9,129 acres of forest land in Shivamogga, which was denotified by the State between 1958 and 1969, to rehabilitate the project-affected people. The MoEF has sent it back, citing the Supreme Court's order in 2000 and 2004 that said, "Pending further orders, no de-reservation of forests/sanctuaries/national parks shall be effected". The letter sent by Dheeraj Mittal, Assistant Inspector General of Forests said: "In view of the Supreme Court's orders, the GoK is requested to take appropriate action in this matter." The State received the letter on May 2, it has belatedly come to light.

A file photo of the backwaters of the Linganamakki reservoir built across the Sharavathi in Shivamogga district. The Sharavathi Valley Hydroelectric Project executed in the 1960s displaced hundreds of families.

With this, the issue has landed in the State government's court again. The rehabilitation of families affected by the Sharavathi project was one of the major issues in the recently-concluded Assembly elections. Then the ruling BJP assured the people that the issue would be resolved and they would get their land once the Centre accepted the proposal. Former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, then Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, and Shivamogga Lok Sabha member B.Y. Raghavendra did make promises to the people during the election campaign. On the other hand, the Congress leaders had taken out protest rallies on the issue.

The hydroelectric power project executed in the 1960s displaced hundreds of families.

Among them, many got alternative land in the forest areas of Sagar, Tirthahalli, Shivamogga, Shikaripur, and Bhadravati taluks. The State government denotified the forest lands to benefit the people over several years.

Girish Achar, a resident of Hosanagar, moved the Karnataka High Court in 2019 questioning the denotification of forest land. The court in its order on March 4, 2021, ordered the cancellation of the identification on the ground that the State government had not sought the Centre's permission for denotification. Subsequently, the Department of Forest, Ecology, and Environment in Karnataka issued an order on September 28, cancelling the orders that denotified the forest land.

When *The Hindu* contacted Mr. Raghavendra for his comments on the Centre's decision, he said the proposal had not been rejected by the Centre. "I spoke to officers concerned on this issue. There is nothing to worry about. The Centre has not rejected the proposal. It has suggested the State approach the court for a remedy. I will follow up on the issue. I am hopeful that it will be resolved," he said.

Meanwhile, Ramesh Hegde, Congress spokesperson, who headed the party's committee on issues bothering Malnad farmers, said that the Section 2 of the Forest Conservation Act, empowered the Centre to give its consent for 'diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes'. "I don't know why the Centre rejected the proposal, when there is a legal provision to give its consent on the issue," he said.

He also termed it the failure of the BJP leaders, who had promised the people of getting the Centre's approval for the proposal during the elections.

INBRIEF

Dearness Allowance of govt. staff increased

The State government has increased the Dearness Allowance (DA) for its staff with effect from January 2023, from the present 31% to 35%. The order in this regard has been issued as per the instructions of the Chief Minister.

Ministers empowered to take up general transfers

The State government has issued a circular authorising the Ministers concerned to effect general transfers of staff belonging to Group A, B, C, and D. The transfers could be effected from June 1 to 15. However, the total number of transfers should not cross 6% of the total cadre strength, the circular said. Also, the conditions that have been prescribed for transfers as per the order issued in 2013 will apply, the circular said.

'Society will respond to reversal of textbook revision'

Taking exception to indications by the new government about reversing the textbook revision exercise taken up by the erstwhile BJP regime, former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai remarked that society would respond to such a move. "We had introduced certain new lessons based on Indian culture, literature and principles. However, the new government is trying to target this, and is set to form a new committee to reverse this. Society will respond to this," Mr. Bommai told mediapersons in Bengaluru on Tuesday. "Students should not be inconvenienced due to frequent revisions in textbooks. Let us see how responsibly this government will behave," he said, indicating that the BJP has adopted a wait-and-watch strategy on it. Defending the New Education Policy, he said views of experts had been obtained before implementation of NEP.

CM calls meeting of Ministers today to consult on 'guarantees'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ahead of the crucial meeting of the State Cabinet on Thursday to decide on the method of implementation of poll guarantee schemes, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has convened a meeting of Ministers on Wednesday.

The Chief minister, who held a meeting of Principal Secretaries of the departments concerned, asked them to prepare a report on the implementation of the 'guarantees'.

Cabinet meeting

Wednesday's meeting with Ministers is being seen as an exercise to take them into confidence before making the crucial decision on implementation

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of guarantees at the Cabinet meeting.

The government is already facing attack from the Opposition over the "delay" in implementation of guarantees, including free power of 200 units to every household, monthly allowance of ₹2,000 to women heads of families, free bus travel for women, stipend for unemployed youth, and distribution of 10 kg of rice per family per month.

The government is said to be in a fix over implementation of these guarantees due to huge financial burden. While several prominent leaders, including the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister, have already hinted at confining most of the guarantees to BPL families, the Opposition has termed this as "hoodwinking voters".

Pressure on govt.

The Opposition is gearing up to use the opportunity to launch a campaign against the government. Some MLAs from the Opposition camp have even asked people not to pay electricity bills to put pressure on the government to extend the guarantees without imposing conditions.

HDK wants CM to 'break silence on guarantees'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Urging Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to break his silence on implementation of the Congress party's poll guarantees, former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy demanded that the government issue a media advertisement on implementation of guarantees from June 1 as part of confidence-building measure.

Implementation date

"The Chief Minister, who earlier popularised guarantees, is not saying anything about their implementation. Though leaders close to him have been talking about their implementation, people are not trusting them. Hence, the Chief Minister should issue media advertisements on the implementation date, just like the Congress did before the polls to popularise their guarantees," Mr. Kumaraswamy tweeted on Tuesday.

Defending the public demand for immediate implementation of guarantees, Mr. Kumaraswamy said it was justified as people had given 135 seats to the Congress in the Assembly elections on the basis of its guarantees.

Mr. Kumaraswamy said people still had the guarantee cards signed by the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, which were issued before the Assembly elections in which they had promised to implement the promises if voted to power.

HC stays further action based on FIR against Ashwath Narayan

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday stayed the investigation and further proceedings based on the FIR registered against BJP MLA and former Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan for allegedly making a provocative statement in February 2023 against Siddaramaiah, who was then Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the interim order on a petition filed by Narayan questioning the legality of the registration of the FIR on May 24 by Mysuru city police. The FIR was registered on a complaint filed by the KPCC spokesperson M. Lakshman.

It was alleged in the complainant that Mr. Narayan, in his address to BJP workers at Sathanur in Mandya district on February 15, gave a call to the party workers to "finish off Siddaramaiah in the same manner in which Tipu Sultan was finished off by warriors, Urigowda and Nanjegowda of Mandya".

Denying the allegations, the petition said, "Mr. Narayan, during his speech, had referred to the warriors Urigowda-Nanjegowda and Tipu Sultan as a metaphor for a political fight and an electoral victory."

Stating that Mr. Narayan had already clarified these aspects both in media and in the Houses of the Legislature, it was pointed out in the petition that the complaint given by the Congress party leader in February was already treated as a non-cognisable report. With Congress assuming power in the State, a fresh complaint was given, and an FIR was registered due to political pressure, it was alleged in the petition.

There is no material or ingredient for registering FIR under Section 506 (criminal intimidation) and Section 153 (wantonly giving provocation, with intent to cause riot), it was contended in the petition.

"In the light of the offence not meeting the *prima facie* ingredient of section 153, permitting further proceedings/investigation against the petitioner would run foul the apex court judgments," the High Court said, while staying further proceedings for four weeks.

Breakthrough Science Society objects to ISRO chairman's claim

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Breakthrough Science Society, a voluntary organisation committed to the cause of science and scientific outlook has raised objections to ISRO chairman S. Somanath's recent statement hailing the role of Sanskrit in India becoming a knowledge society since Vedic times.

In a statement, the society said Mr. Somanath, while addressing the convocation ceremony at the Maharishi Panini Sanskrit and Vedic University in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, on May 24, talked about the achievements of science in ancient India in an exaggerated and eulogised manner, creating confusion in the minds of people.

The society added that Mr. Somanath said that great developments of science in different branches, like metallurgy, astrology, astronomy, aeronautical sciences, physics, etc., took place in ancient India and were later taken to Europe by the Arabs. Thousands of years later, Europeans brought the same knowledge back to us as discoveries of modern Science. Great developments in science indeed took place in the Indian subcontinent from around 600 BC to about 900 AD.

"It is also true that such developments took place in other parts of the world like Mesopotamia, Greece, Egypt, etc., around the same period and even earlier. Later, the Arabs took the lead, accumulated and preserved the knowledge, and through them, it reached Europe. It is through interactions and exchanges that science, or for that matter, any branch of knowledge, develops and grows. It is a cumulative process. Each successive stage builds upon the earlier stage, testing these ideas and discarding those that have been proven wrong. This is the natural course of the development of science. Naturally, the later developments are richer and advanced than the earlier ones," the society said.

It added that the Renaissance in Europe marked a new beginning. Modern science, based on observation, hypothesis formation, and experimental verification, started with Galileo. "This objective method was a qualitatively different stage incomparable to anything in the past. On this sound footing, the triumphant march of science continued with the great contributions of Newton, Faraday, Maxwell, Darwin, Einstein and others. Today's knowledge based on modern science is far advanced than the ancient knowledge of any civilization," it added.

The society said that the science we have today is the culmination of humanity's accumulated knowledge. We should respect the contributions of great minds in the past, be it the Greeks, Egyptians, Indians, Chinese or Arabs. "One simple question to Mr. Somanath is: If superior knowledge in astronomy, aeronautical engineering, etc., is available in the ancient texts in Sanskrit, why isn't the ISRO using them? Can he show one piece of technology or theory that ISRO has taken from the Vedas and applied to make a rocket or a satellite?" the society said.

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How are Indian languages faring in the age of ChatGPT?

Many Indian languages don't have sufficient data for language models to train with, and face the risk of being 'left behind'. Some researchers are working on remedies

Vasudevan Mukunth

"Sanskrit suits the language of computers and those learning artificial intelligence learn it," Indian Space Research Organisation chairman S. Somanath said at an event in Ujjain on May 25. His was the latest in a line of statements exalting Sanskrit and its value for computing but without any evidence or explanation.

But beyond Sanskrit, how are other Indian languages faring in the realm of artificial intelligence (AI), at a time when its language-based applications have taken the world by storm? The answer is a mixed bag. There is some passive discrimination even as the fate of the languages are buoyed by public-spirited research and innovation.

Inside ChatGPT

Behind both seemingly intelligent chatbots and art-making computers, algorithms and data-manipulation techniques turn linguistic and visual data into mathematical objects (like vectors), and combine them in specific ways to produce the desired output. This is how ChatGPT is able to respond to your questions.

When working with a language, a machine first has to break a sentence or a word down into little bits in a process called tokenisation. The machine's data-processing model then works with these bits. For example, "there's a star" can be tokenised to "there", "is", "a", and "star". There are several tokenisation techniques. A treebank tokeniser breaks up words and sentences based on the rules that linguists use to study them. A subword tokeniser allows the model to learn some common word and modifications to that word separately, such as "dusty" and "dustier"/"dustiest".

OpenAI, the maker of ChatGPT and the GPT series of large language models, uses a type of subword tokeniser called byte-pair encoding (BPE). This example shows the OpenAI API using the tokeniser on a statement by Gayathri Chakravorty Spivak (Image 1).

More tokens for foreign langauges

In 2022, Amazon released a parallel database of one million utterances in 52 languages, called MASSIVE.

'Parallel' means the same utterance is presented in multiple languages. An utterance can be a simple query or phrase. For example, one of the utterances in the database means "does my screen's brightness seem low?". On May 3 this year, AI researcher Yennie Jun combined the OpenAI API and MASSIVE to analyse how BPE would tokenise 2,033 phrases in the 52 languages. Ms. Jun found that Hindi phrases were tokenised on average into 4.8x more tokens than their corresponding English phrases. Similarly, the tokens for Urdu phrases were 4.4x longer and for Bengali, 5.8x longer. Running a model with more tokens increases its operational cost and resource consumption.

Generally, AI expert Viraj Kulkarni said, it is "fairly difficult" for a model trained to work with English to be adapted to work with a language with different grammar, like Hindi. "If you take [an English-based] model and fine-tune it using a Hindi corpus, the model might be able to reuse some of its understanding of English grammar, but it will still need to learn representations of individual Hindi words and the relationships between them," said Mr. Kulkarni, Chief Data Scientist at Pune-based DeepTek AI.

Sentences in different languages are thus tokenised in different ways, even if they have the same meaning. See the tokenisation of Spivak's statement in German (from Google Translate). (Image 2)

That being said, ChatGPT in particular doesn't struggle with other languages. According to Mr. Kulkarni, GPT-4, which powers the premium version of ChatGPT, was trained in English as well as "pretty much most major languages in the world, [so it] has no preference towards English or any other language. It may be better at English than Hindi because it may have seen more English texts than Hindi texts, but it can very fluidly switch between languages," he added. (Image 3)

However, there is still a cost difference. In January 2023, machine-learning expert Denys Linkov fed the first 50 utterances in English in MASSIVE to ChatGPT along with a prompt: "Rewrite the following sentence into a friendlier tone". He repeated the task with the first 50 Malayalam utterances. He found that the latter used 15.69-times more tokens. OpenAI charges a fixed rate to use ChatGPT based on the number of tokens, so Malayalam was thus, 15.69-times more expensive.

The need for data

For models designed to work with individual languages, adapting could be a problem – as could any language that doesn't have much indexed material available for the model to train with. This is true of many Indian languages. "Recent breakthroughs indicate quite unequivocally that the biggest gains in [model] performance come from only two factors: the size of the network, or number of parameters, and the size of the training data," according to Mr. Kulkarni.

A parameter is a way in which words can be different from each other. The more parameters a model has, the better its abilities.

The amount of training data for English is much larger than that of Indian languages. ChatGPT was trained on text scraped from the internet – a place where some 55% of the content is in English. The rest is all in other languages of the world combined.

Can it suffice?

We don't know. According to Mr. Kulkarni, there is no known "minimum size" for a training dataset.

Data for 'fine-tuning'

According to Makarand Tapaswi, a senior machine learning scientist at Wadhwani AI, a non-profit, and Assistant Professor at the computer vision group at IIIT Hyderabad, "the availability of text in each language is going to be a long-tail – a few languages with lots of text, many languages with few examples." This is going to affect models dealing with the latter.

"In addition to next-word prediction tasks, GPT-like models still need some customisation to make sure they can follow natural language instructions, carry out conversations, align with human values, etc.," Anoop Kunchukuttan, a researcher at Microsoft, said. "Data for this customisation, called 'fine-tuning', needs to be of high quality and is still available mostly in English only. Some of this exists for Indian languages, [while] data for most kinds of complex tasks needs to be created."

Amazon's MASSIVE is a step in this direction. Another, in India, is AI4Bharat, an IIT Madras initiative "building open-source language AI for Indian languages, including datasets, models, and applications," according to its website. Mr. Kunchukuttan is a founding-member and co-lead of the Nilekani Centre at AI4Bharat. To train language models, he said, AI4Bharat has a corpus called IndicCorp with 22 Indian languages, and its CommonCrawl website-crawler can support "10-15 Indian languages".

'Springboard for innovation'

One part of natural language processing is natural language understanding (NLU) – in which a model works with the meaning of a sentence.

For example, when asked "what's the temperature in Chennai?", an NLU model might perform three tasks – identify that this is weather-related; that it is a question in need of an answer; that it pertains to a city.

In a December 2022 preprint paper (updated on May 24, 2023), AI4Bharat researchers reported a new benchmark for Indian languages called "IndicXTREME". They wrote that IndicXTREME has nine NLU tasks for 20 languages. It allows researchers to evaluate the performance of models that have 'learnt' these languages. Preparing such tools is laborious. For example, on May 25, AI4Bharat publicly released 'Bharat Parallel Corpus Collection', "the largest publicly available parallel corpora for Indic languages". It contains 23 crore text-pairs; of these, 6.44 lakh were "manually translated".

"I think we are at a point where we have data to train modest-sized models for Indian languages, and start experimenting with the directions ... mentioned above," Mr. Kunchukuttan said. "There has been a spurt in activity of open-source modest-sized models in English, and it indicates that we could build promising models for Indian languages, which becomes a springboard for further innovation."

For a longer in-depth article, please scan the given link bit.ly/languagechatgpt

ChatGPT and three languages

When working with a language, a machine first has to break a sentence or a word down into little bits in a process called tokenisation. OpenAI uses a type of subword tokeniser called byte-pair encoding (BPE)

Image 1: OpenAI tokeniser on a statement by Gayathri Spivak

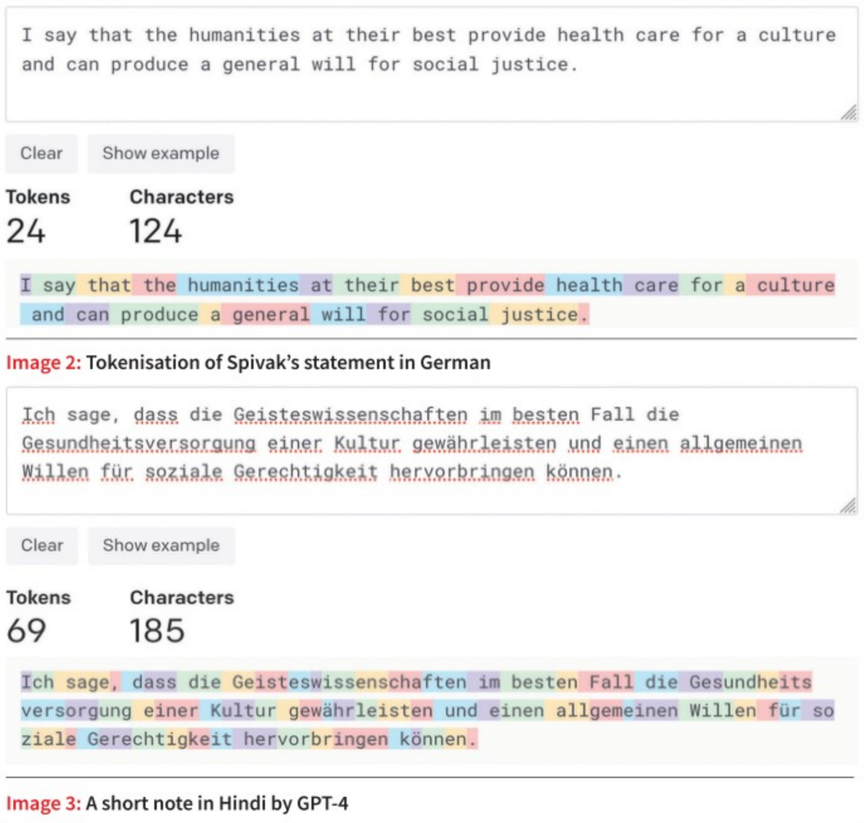
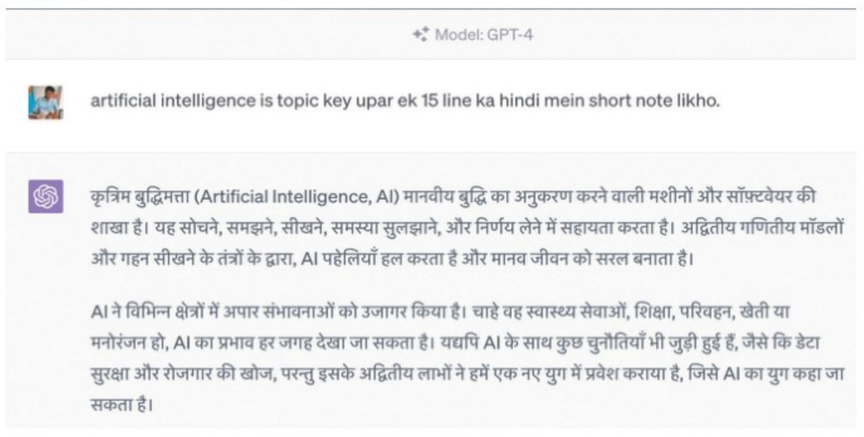


Image 2: Tokenisation of Spivak's statement in German

Image 3: A short note in Hindi by GPT-4



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subramanian

"Sir, Mr. R. K. Narayan, 15, Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, Mysore, refers to what Fowler calls 'causal as' and wonders whether Fowler's view that 'since' and not 'as' should be used at the beginning of a sentence is valid now. Sir, what's Fowler's view on this?"

"This is what Fowler says on 'causal as' in his *Modern English Usage* "To causal or explanatory *as* clauses, if they are placed before the main sentence (As he only laughed at my arguments, I gave it up) there is no objection. The reverse order (I gave it up, as he only laughed at my arguments) is, except when the fact adduced is one necessarily known to the hearer or reader and present to his mind (I need not translate, as you know German), intolerable to anyone with a literary ear...'

What Fowler says regarding the position of 'as' is no longer valid. Mr. Narayan is right.

As I was ill, I stayed at home.

I stayed at home, as I was ill.

Both are acceptable. 'Since' is more formal than 'as.' 'As' in the sentences given means 'because.' In American English, 'causal as' is considered non-standard. The only condition with regard to the use of 'as' is that it must be used without any ambiguity. A sentence like 'As I went in, he walked out' is ambiguous. 'As' here has two meanings (a) 'because' (b) 'at the moment that'. I hope I have made it clear to you and to Mr. Narayan, one of our great novelists. Next question please."

"Sir, Mr. Y. V. R. Naidu would like to know the difference between 'enquiry' and 'inquiry'."

"An enquiry is what you make when you need some information. 'Enquire' is a formal word for 'ask.' You make enquiries about something.

You must make enquiries about his whereabouts.

An inquiry means an investigation. A Court of Inquiry, for example. This distinction is maintained in British English. You can make an enquiry about an inquiry. You enquire about something but inquire into something. 'Enquiry' is used generally in the plural.

I made enquiries about the job at his office.

When you enquire, you ask a question. When you inquire, you make an investigation. American English makes no distinction between 'enquire' and 'inquire', 'enquiry' and 'inquiry'; also 'inquire' and 'inquiry' are more commonly used."

"Sir, Mr. M. A. Sadanand, 424, II Avenue, Anna Nagar, Western Extension, Madras, wants to know whether the following sentence is correct: 'The facts and circumstances of the case are as follows.' He feels it should be 'follow' and not 'follows' as facts and circumstances' are in the plural"

" 'As follows' is a fixed form. It doesn't depend on the singular or plural noun preceding it.

The topics were as follows.

Her speech can be summed up as follows.

It is always 'as follows,' never 'as follow.' Language is not always grammatical or logical"

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

The Big Ben in London, England, started ticking for the first time on May 31, 1859. Here is a quiz on clock towers from across the world

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1

This clock tower is in the confines of the Fort campus of the University of Mumbai. Designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott, an English architect, this was modelled on the Big Ben. Identify the tower. When was this added to the list of World Heritage Sites?

QUESTION 2

The Duquesne Brewery Clock was the largest single-face clock in the world when it was installed in 1933. In which country is this located? Over the years its face has been used to advertise numerous brands. Which was the first brand which used its face for the advertisements?

QUESTION 3

The official name of the tower in which Big Ben is located was the Clock Tower, but it was renamed in 2012. What is the new name? Why was it renamed?

QUESTION 4

The Dufferin Clock Tower is a historic relic and heritage structure of Mysuru, Karnataka. Named after Lord Dufferin who was once the viceroy of India, this is also known by another name locally. What is it? Close by, there is another clock tower built in 1927 in honour of the completion of 25 years of the rule of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. Name both the clock towers.

QUESTION 5

This clock tower consists of 12 clocks encircling a central one with 57 dials. These clocks show the time on all continents, phases of the moon, times of tides and many other periodic phenomena. Identify this tower situated in Belgium.

Visual question:
Identify this medieval clock. When was it first installed?

Questions and Answers of the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This Chief Minister won the Bharat Ratna in 1961. **Ans: B. C. Roy, West Bengal**
2. This Chief Minister was a key participant in the Punnapra-Vayalar uprising in the late 1940s. **Ans: V. S. Achuthanandan, Kerala**
3. This leader became Chief Minister of his State merely eight months after his party was formed in the year 1982. **Ans: N. T. Rama Rao, Andhra Pradesh (undivided)**
4. This Chief Minister was a lawyer and defended the accused, including many trade unionists, in the Meerut Conspiracy Case. **Ans: Kailash Nath Katju, Madhya Pradesh**
5. This Chief Minister was widely credited for his passionate advocacy as a provincial leader for the creation of a new Union Territory with a legislative assembly in 1963. **Ans: Yashwant Singh Parmar, Himachal Pradesh**
Visual: This person served as the CM of Rajasthan for the longest period. **Ans: Mohanlal Sukhadia**
Early Bird: Sunil Kannada

Word of the day

Leery:
openly distrustful and unwilling to confide

Synonyms: wary, suspicious, untrusting, mistrustful

Usage: *My friend is leery of the new system.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/leerypro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈlɪəɹ.i/

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INBRIEF

Jagan to shift to Vizag before September: YSRCP leader

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy is likely to shift from Amaravati to Visakhapatnam, and start functioning from the city well before September. Speaking about the decision to set up three capitals, Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy, YSRCP general secretary and Adviser (Public Affairs), told the media here on Tuesday, "the administrative procedure of shifting from Amaravati to Visakhapatnam may commence much before September. There are certain legal issues that need to be sorted out before shifting to the Executive capital."

Consider setting up industrial corridor in KGF: Minister

Karnataka Large & Medium Industries Minister M.B. Patil on Tuesday appealed to the national industrial corridor apex body to consider establishing an industrial corridor in Kolar Gold Fields. He made the appeal while participating in a meeting of the Apex Monitoring Authority of National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT) chaired by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Delhi.

Karnataka Dy. CM prays at Andhra Pradesh temple

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Tuesday performed a special ritual during the opening ceremony of Lord Shiva temple in East Godavari district following the Congress's victory in the Assembly polls. The homam was performed for over an hour. District Congress Committee president S. Martin Luther, who accompanied Mr. Shivakumar, said, "Mr. Shivakumar owed a visit to the Shiva temple at Chilakalapadu village for the success in polls."

Population-based delimitation unfair to southern States: KTR

BRS leader asks all parties in South India to raise their voice against the 'impending injustice', highlights that they are likely to be punished for following Centre's population control policies

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Working president of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), K.T. Rama Rao, has asked people and politicians of the southern States cutting across party lines to raise their voice against the "impending injustice" staring at them with the proposed delimitation of constituencies to be taken up in 2026, based on population.

It is unfortunate that the southern States which followed the Centre's policies

K.T. Rama Rao

to control the population growth are going to be punished for the same in the delimitation of constituencies. Believing the Centre's words that controlling population growth would help the country overcome several problems, the southern States had followed the population control policies and succeeded in the goal, the Telangana IT Minister said.

However, the southern States are now facing the threat of injustice simply for following the Centre's words and controlling the population. At the same time, the States which did not care about the Centre's words for population control, particularly the northern States, are poised to benefit in the delimitation exercise on the grounds of higher population growth, he pointed out.

Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana which followed the progressive policies to control the population growth and stayed ahead in all human development indices compared to the northern States were going to be punished in the delimitation, he noted.

"With only 18% population, the southern States have been contributing 35% to the country's GDP and the proposed delimitation based on population is a gross injustice to them", he said.

Scientist team discovers new exoplanet with mass 13 times that of Jupiter

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BENGALURU

A new Jupiter-size exoplanet with the highest density known till this date and mass 13 times than that of Jupiter, has been discovered by an international team of scientists led by Prof. Abhijit Chakraborty at the Exoplanet Research Group of the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad.

An exoplanet is any planet beyond the solar system and the planet discovered by scientists from India, Germany, Switzerland and the USA is with a density of ~14 g/cm3. Massive giant exoplanets are those having mass greater than four times that of Jupiter.

ISRO said that the discovery of this massive exoplanet was made using the indigenously made PRL Advanced Radial-velocity Abu-sky Search spectrograph (PARAS) at the 1.2 m telescope of PRL at its Gurushikhar Observatory in Mt. Abu by measuring the mass of the planet precisely.

The newly discovered exoplanet is found around the star called TOI4603 or HD 245134. NASA's The Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) initially declared TOI4603 as a possible candidate to host a secondary body of unknown nature.

Using PARAS, scientists discovered it as a planet by measuring the mass of the secondary body and hence, the planet is called TOI 4603b or HD 245134b. It is located 731 light years away. It orbits a sub-giant F-type star TOI4603 every 7.24 days.

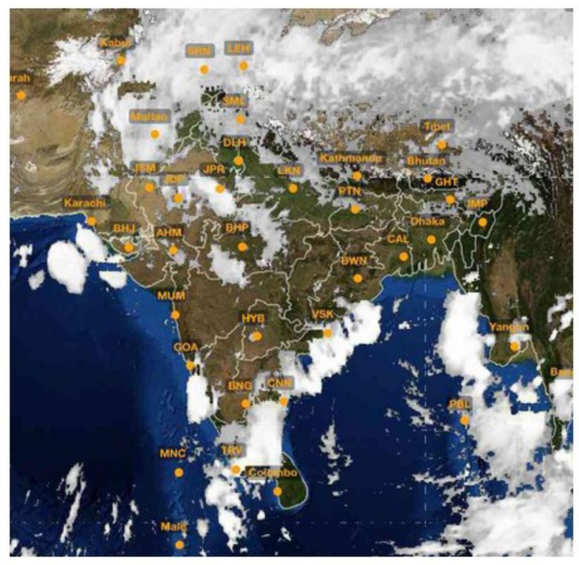
"What sets this discovery apart is that the planet falls into the transition mass range of massive giant planets and low-mass brown dwarfs with masses ranging from 11 to 16 times the mass of Jupiter. Only fewer than five exoplanets are currently known in this mass range so far," ISRO said.

The newly discovered exoplanet TOI 4603b is one of the most massive and densest giant planets that orbits very close to its host star at a distance less than 1/10th the distance between our Sun and Earth.

This discovery marks the third exoplanet discovery by India, and by the PRL scientists using PARAS spectrograph and the PRL 1.2m telescope, following the discoveries in 2018 (K2-236b) and 2021 (TOI-1789b).

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, coastal Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Chandigarh, Delhi, Odisha, Telangana, central Maharashtra, Puducherry, Karaikal, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	36.9	25.5	Kozhikode	—	37.2	27.2
Ahmedabad	3	36.5	24.6	Kurnool	18	36.5	24.6
Aizawl	—	36.5	21.3	Lucknow	—	39.0	28.1
Allahabad	—	42.3	28.0	Madurai	7	39.0	26.0
Bengaluru	—	31.3	23.4	Mangaluru	—	35.6	26.5
Bhopal	—	—	24.0	Mumbai	—	34.6	27.6
Bhubaneswar	—	38.6	27.6	Mysuru	—	—	—
Chandigarh	36	32.8	20.2	New Delhi	1.2	35.9	20.7
Chennai	—	38.6	28.6	Patna	—	41.1	27.8
Coimbatore	—	36.5	24.8	Port Blair	12	33.0	26.2
Dehradun	0.8	33.4	20.6	Puducherry	—	35.7	28.8
Gangtok	—	25.9	17.5	Pune	6	39.1	23.4
Goa	—	35.0	27.5	Raipur	—	41.6	29.4
Guwahati	—	37.0	24.9	Ranchi	—	37.6	24.4
Hubballi	—	34.0	25.0	Shillong	0.5	27.8	16.2
Hyderabad	—	33.6	25.6	Shimla	32	22.4	9.9
Imphal	—	35.8	21.3	Srinagar	16	17.5	11.8
Jaipur	—	32.0	23.9	Thiruvananthapuram	—	34.0	27.7
Kochi	—	33.0	26.8	Tiruchi	—	38.7	27.6
Kohima	—	27.0	17.4	Vijayawada	—	33.6	28.6
Kolkata	—	37.8	29.0	Visakhapatnam	—	34.5	29.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.31	..99	.67	94	...119	
Bengaluru	.26	..11	100	...119	111	
Chennai	...4	..59	126	...106	95	
Delhi	...8	..31	.55	...156	...147	
Hyderabad	...6	..27	.43	96	117	
Kolkata	...8	..18	.22	88	98	
Lucknow	...8	..32	.41	...122	...125	
Mumbai	.25	..30	.11	94	80	
Pune	119	179	114	104	84	
Visakhapatnam	.20	..45	.19	63	...100	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 248 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Damoh, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 30

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

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No. 6085 Dated : 26/05/2023
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CORRIGENDUM - I

This is to inform the tenderers with reference to this office Tender Notification No: BBMP/EE/KRP/TEND/01/23-24 dtd. 19.05.2023, due to technical reasons, the time schedule for this tender notification is modified and revised time schedule is as follows:

Calendar of Events: 1) Last date for Tender Queries & Clarifications is **05.06.2023 upto 16:00 hrs.** 2) Last date for submission of tender documents on or before **06.06.2023 upto 16:00 hrs.** 3) Tenders will be opened on the website: https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in in the office of the Executive Engineer, K.R. Pura Division on **07.06.2023 at 16:30 hrs.** Except for the above said changes there is no change in any of the Terms and conditions of Tender Notification.

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IRDAI's plans to expand risk protection levels need government backing

Last week, the chief of India's insurance sector regulator unveiled a fresh blueprint to cover a larger portion of the population against risks of adverse shocks, with an eye on insuring everyone by 2047. The lynchpin of this "UPI-like moment", being pursued by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) to bridge the country's "huge protection gaps", is envisaged to be a simple, all-in-one insurance policy. This bundled 'Bima Vistaar' scheme, being worked out with life and general insurers, would provide households with expeditious monetary support in case of medical emergencies, accidents, thefts or a death in the family. With awareness about the benefits of insurance still quite low, the regulator has proposed a women-led Gram Sabha-level initiative to educate every household's female head about how such a scheme could come in handy at times of distress. A new 'Bima Sugam' platform would integrate insurance players and distributors to give customers a one-stop shop experience to begin with, and facilitate claims servicing going forward. Linking States' digital death registries to the platform, the regulator believes, could enable life insurance claims to be settled within hours or a day at the most.

A legislative reboot is also on the anvil to ease capital requirement norms and allow a slew of new players to enter the market and serve the untapped needs of niche and specialised segments. Over two decades after the entry of private players into the once moribund public sector-led industry, India's insurance penetration (the ratio of premium payments to GDP) has risen – from 2.7% in 2001-02 to 4.2% in 2021-22. In fact, there has been a slide in the metric over the past decade from 5.2% in 2009-10, with non-life policies yet to surpass the 1% mark. Given the sheer size of India's population and poor financial literacy levels, the imperative to break from the status quo is unquestionable. The IRDAI's move to rope in State governments and set up bodies similar to State-level banking committees would help formulate granular district-wise strategies for raising awareness and coverage levels. Industry players also need to look beyond the top cities and the 'Bima Vistaar' scheme could catalyse the volumes they need to get out of comfort zones. Most of all, the Centre needs to rethink the 18% GST levy on health and life insurance premia. The notion that those who can afford to buy health cover can afford to pay so much tax is untenable in a country where one health calamity can push a household below the poverty line. Ensuring continuity of leadership at IRDAI is equally critical – situations such as the nine-month vacuum at its helm before the current chairperson's tenure are simply unacceptable.

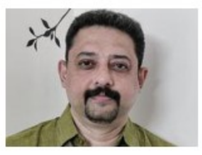
The old and the new

CSK's win over Titans showcased the best and the latest of the IPL

The weather may have been fickle with a summer night yielding rain but there was no mistaking the inevitable air around Chennai Super Kings (CSK) lifting the Indian Premier League (IPL) Trophy on a Monday night that spilled over to Tuesday. At Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium, CSK pulled off a last-over heist against defending champion Gujarat Titans with Ravindra Jadeja thumping the winning runs in a final that was spread over three days. Sunday was a washout and on Monday, the rains intervened and delayed the climax into the early hours of Tuesday. What stood regal was CSK's composure, a trait imbibed from its eternal skipper M.S. Dhoni, who also hinted that he may have one more IPL stint. It was apt that CSK, the most consistent unit in IPL's history, took on the Titans, the most promising among younger teams, and the summit clash had all the thrills associated with T20 cricket. CSK prised out Shubman Gill for 39 with Dhoni's lightning stumping delivering the fatal blow, but once Sai Sudharsan hammered a 96 – the player hails from Chennai – the Titans finished with 214 for four. The target was revised to 171 following a rain-break but CSK proved equal to the task (even though Dhoni fell for a duck) as Jadeja's long-handle did the trick.

It also marked the culmination of a long-drawn tournament with 10 squads. That CSK and Mumbai Indians from the old guard, and Titans and Lucknow Super Giants, last year's debutants, made it to the last four was a reflection of their innate strength. Mumbai Indians had a slow campaign to begin with before finding a second wind while CSK was always in the frame for a play-offs berth. Among the rest, Royal Challengers Bangalore again faltered leaving star-batter Virat Kohli yearning for an elusive IPL title. If Gill (890 runs) proved that he will be the successor to Kohli and Rohit Sharma in white-ball cricket, veterans like Ajinkya Rahane, Wriddhiman Saha and Mohit Sharma also proved adept in the T20 format. Hardik Pandya led Titans well and with a bit of luck may have retained the title. That a Sinhalese pacer Matheesha Pathirana found incredible support within the CSK dugout and the fans at large is a testimony to sport's ability to heal old fissures. At the same time the absence of Pakistani cricketers also reflects the influence of politics on sport. The dust may have settled on the IPL but there is no respite for the Indian stars as they prepare for the World Test Championship final against Australia at London's Oval from June 7.

The short history of a large note



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The withdrawal of the ₹2,000 note marks the end of a sordid chapter in the demonetisation saga

The withdrawal of the ₹2,000 note from circulation by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which it announced on May 19, 2023, marks the end of a sordid chapter in the tragi-comic demonetisation saga. The presence of the ₹2,000 note in circulation was a constant reminder of the horrors of a "nation in the queue". The note was also an object of ridicule, particularly due to bizarre claims at the time of its introduction, of a nano chip implanted in it. For the beleaguered government, the chapter on the ₹2,000 note had to be closed. With fresh printing of the note stopped after 2018-19, its eventual withdrawal was expected.

Many errors

In 2016, the ₹2,000 note had emerged as the centrepiece of demonetisation, a policy that was illogical in conception and mismanaged in execution. The note had to be printed in larger numbers because the government had not checked whether it had enough notes to replace what was withdrawn. On November 8, 2016, the total stock of notes of ₹2,000 – with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and currency chests – was 473.3 million pieces worth ₹94,660 crore. This amount constituted just 6% of the value of Specified Bank Notes (SBN) withdrawn. People were dying in the queues, and the realisation dawned that more ₹2,000 notes were required for faster remonetisation.

However, the RBI printed the new ₹2,000 notes in a new size. Normally, an automated teller machine (ATM) contained four cassettes; two cassettes held ₹500 notes and the other two cassettes held ₹1,000 and ₹100 notes. The new ₹2,000 note would not fit into any of these cassettes. Consequently, every one of the 2.2 lakh ATMs in India had to be "re-calibrated". Re-calibration was a massive and complex exercise that required coordination across banks, ATM manufacturers, the National Payments Corporation of India, and switch operators. Engineers had to personally visit each ATM and spend between two to four hours with an ATM to complete the re-calibration.

The re-calibration crisis led to another ad hoc measure. Banks packed all the cassettes with available notes of ₹100. If all four cassettes of an ATM were filled with ₹100 notes, one ATM could store currency worth ₹2.1 lakh. The maximum withdrawal allowed per person per day was ₹2,000. In other words, one ATM could, at the maximum, meet the needs of only 105 people per day. But there were thousands queueing up in front of every ATM.

When the stock of ₹100 notes was quickly exhausted, banks demanded more from the RBI. The RBI had no option but to supply old and soiled notes that banks had returned to the RBI earlier. Soiled notes often jammed the ATMs, which only added to the chaos.

The quality of the new ₹2,000 note was also a problem. Many notes were poorly printed: some notes had a shadow of Mahatma Gandhi's face in addition to the photograph of his face; some others had uneven borders; while others were of varying colour shades and sizes. In the villages, farmers were cheated by criminals as they were paid in fake ₹2,000 notes – they were just high resolution photocopies of the original note.

Finally, even when people managed to get a ₹2,000 note, most of them were unable to spend it; no one would offer change or a balance payment over transactions. In effect, the problem of a short supply of notes was exacerbated by the release of the ₹2,000 note.

The need for a larger note

All this while, the public was stuck with one basic question: if, as the government claimed, most illegal transactions and stocks of cash were in notes of ₹500 and ₹1,000, why did the government release new notes of ₹2,000? No credible explanation was ever provided. In fact, the RBI had suggested to the government, on October 7, 2014, that new notes of the denomination ₹5,000 and ₹10,000 be introduced in view of rising inflation and problems of managing currency logistics. However, the government declined this request on May 18, 2016 and advised the RBI to introduce new notes of ₹2,000.

As on March 31, 2023, the ₹2,000 note accounted for only 10.8% of all notes in circulation – down from 37.3% as on March 31, 2018. Its impact, then, is likely to be relatively small as compared to the withdrawal of more than 86% of notes in circulation in 2016.

Yet, what is undeniable is that India's monetary system has taken a serious credibility hit due to frequent changes and U-turns in currency management. The RBI Governor's statement that he cannot unambiguously predict the status of the ₹2,000 note after September 2023, has made a bad situation worse. Those looking for stability will see holding assets in the Indian rupee as a liability.

What next?

The highest denomination note in an economy serves as a store of value and is scarcely used in day-to-day transactions. But as per capita incomes and inflation rise, the highest denomination note sheds value and becomes a note for day-to-day transactions. Typically, the economy would then need a new higher denomination note to act as a store of value. This was why the RBI had requested the government to let it issue ₹5,000 and ₹10,000 notes in 2014.

Now, with the ₹2,000 note being withdrawn, can a growing economy have the ₹500 note – the next highest denomination – serve as a store of value? The cash-to-GDP ratio in India was 12% in 2015-16, but rose to 14.5% in 2020-21 and 13.3% in 2021-22. So, more cash is circulating, the value of notes is eroding with inflation, and real interest rates are falling. In such a context, can the RBI manage currency logistics efficiently without introducing a new ₹1,000 note, or even a ₹5,000 or ₹10,000 note? It may be difficult to escape such an eventuality.

Alternatively, would a digital currency, an e-rupee, be a perfect substitute for a larger denomination note? To be a stable and acceptable store of value, a digital currency must meet the properties, among others, of anonymity, general purpose use, and exchangeability. But the RBI has stated that anonymity can be assured only "to a certain degree" in e-rupee transactions. Other properties too are still evolving and in a stage of infancy. Thus, it is very unlikely that a digital currency will emerge as a new store of value anytime soon.

Let us just say, "picture *abhi baki hai* [It's still not over yet"].

Unboxing the 'export turnaround' in India's toy story

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India turning a net exporter of toys is mainly due to rising protectionism and less, perhaps, on account of expanding domestic capabilities

India has recently turned a net exporter of toys, during 2020-21 and 2021-22, ending decades of import dominance. Between 2018-19 and 2021-22, toy exports increased from $109 million (₹812 crore) to $177 million (₹1,237 crore); imports declined from $371 million (₹2,593 crore) to $110 million (₹819 crore), official data show. These facts are indisputable. They can be cross-verified by mirror images of trade figures from corresponding importing or exporting countries.

The achievement is widely credited to the 'Make in India' initiative launched in 2014, and related policies, official press releases claim. Moreover, in 2020, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi reportedly spoke of promoting toy manufacturing, in his talk show, 'Mann ki Baat'. What can explain such a sharp turnaround in the toy trade? Does it represent a sustained rise in investment, output and efficiency gains nurtured by policy reforms? Or is it a short-term outcome of protectionism and COVID-19 pandemic-related global disruptions?

More imports than exports

India's toy industry is minuscule. In 2015-16 (the latest available figures combined for the organised and unorganised sectors), the industry had about 15,000 enterprises or establishments, producing toys valued at ₹1,688 crore using fixed capital of ₹626 crore at current prices and employing 35,000 workers. Registered factories – those employing 10 or more workers on a regular basis – accounted for 1% of the number of factories and enterprises, employed 20% of workers, used 63% of fixed capital, and produced 77% of the value of output. However, during the one and half decades between 2000 and 2016, industry output was halved in real terms (net of inflation) with job losses. Imports accounted for up to 80% of domestic sales until recently. Between 2000 and 2018-19, imports rose by nearly three times as much as exports.

India hardly figures in the global toy trade, with its exports at a mere half-a-percentage point. Between 2014-19, the Indian toy industry witnessed negative productivity growth. So, what explains the sharp turnaround in toy trade in just three years? Imports contracted as the basic custom duty on toys (HS Code-9503) tripled from 20% to 60% in February, 2020. Numerous non-tariff barriers were imposed as well such as production registration orders and safety regulation codes, which contributed to import contraction (Press Information Bureau release July 5, 2022).

The question, therefore, to ask is: do net exports represent sustainable improvements in industrial capability and performance contributing to import contraction, or are these the mere short-term effects of protectionist measures? The question merits attention as toy making, a labour-intensive industry, has all along played a vital (and perhaps outsized) role in policy discourse.

The Asian scene versus India

Historically, Asia's successful industrialising nations promoted toy exports for job creation, starting with Japan about a century ago, China since the 1980s, and currently Vietnam following in their footsteps. However, India, followed an inward-oriented industrial policy in the Planning-era, which sheltered domestic production by providing a "double protection" – by imports tariffs and reservation of the product for exclusive production in the small-scale sector – known as the "reservation policy". The outcome? Toy manufacturing remained stagnant, archaic and fragmented, even as imports of modern, safe, and branded toys boomed. The industry is emblematic of all that was wrong with misguided industrial policy, as many critics of India's industrial policy have contended.

In 1997, in the wake of liberal reforms, the reservation policy was abolished. Expectedly, new firms entered the organised sector, but only for a while, and productivity growth improved. But the unorganised sector languished with job losses, even as a majority of workers remained there.

In a recent study ('India's Toy Industry: Production and Trade since 2000', *Economic and Political Weekly*, May 6, 2023) we re-examined the industry output and export performance, since about 2000, with a new firm-level dataset from the formal and informal sectors synchronised with a four-digit product-level trade data. In particular, we looked into how more recent policy initiatives, such as 'Make in India', have a bearing on the toy industry.

We found that the annual value of output and fixed investment at constant prices (net of inflation) after peaking in 2007-08, have trended downwards with considerable fluctuations (except for 2019-20). Apparently, there is no evidence of 'Make in India' positively affecting these indicators on a sustained basis. The output of the informal or unorganised sector shrank, though it continues to account for the majority of establishments and employment.

Despite early positive trends, industry de-reservation (though it helped formalise the industry), failed to sustain output, investment, and productivity growth after 2007-08. Contrary to popular perception and official claims, 'Make in India' had a negligible effect in strengthening toy production and exports on a sustained basis.

Too premature to claim success

As the reported turnaround in toy exports is based on data from just two recent years, and during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is perhaps too premature to claim policy success. The potential for sustaining net exports appears slim as the industry has hardly made sustained investment to boost output and exports.

To sum up, India's export surplus in toys during 2020-21 and 2021-22, is a welcome change. However, it seems to be driven by a rise in protectionism, and the exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. The turnaround does not seem to be the outcome of strengthening domestic investment and production on a sustained basis. Since around 2000, the industry has shrunk with rising imports, until two years ago. Though minuscule, as the industry has an outsized role in policy discourse, the study seems to offer valuable lessons. Neither the reservation policy as during the Planning era, nor its abolition after the liberal reforms boosted the industry's performance. One should perhaps look beyond simplistic binaries – planning versus reforms – and examine the ground reality of industrial locations and clusters to tailor policies and institutions to nurture such industries.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

***Sengol*, Parliament**

In all the analysis of the *Sengol*'s significance, the narrative should revolve around the *Sengol*'s rich heritage and its significance in the context of civilisational tradition. The objections raised by the Opposition parties must be addressed within the democratic framework. Meanwhile, had Lord Mountbatten handed over the sceptre as a symbol of transfer of power, the British themselves would have publicised the event. But they did not. And Jawaharlal Nehru, for his humility and modesty, would not have accepted symbols of monarchy. On the contrary, he must have treated the sceptre as a mere gift.

R. Sivakumar,
Chennai

With reference to a report, about the museum failing to identify the *Sengol*, I disagree with the reason given — that the faulty labelling happened because it was in a tongue that the staff could not read. I would rather go with Nobel Prize winning Indian economist Amartya Sen's observation — of a 'general lack of enthusiasm in chronicling events' that plagued ancient India, in sharp contrast to China's meticulous ways (*The Argumentative Indian*, China and India, p.76). Unfortunately, we continue to exhibit a similar apathy and indifference in preserving our treasures.

Rajesh Sankaranarayanan,
Bengaluru

It was meaningless to call the inauguration of the new Parliament building as a symbol of the aspirations of 140-crore people, as one has visuals of pavement dwellers in many an Indian town and city. It is also shocking that an electrician has claimed that many of the bulbs and fittings in the new Parliament are made in China. How is this the rise of an *"Aatmanirbhar bharat"* (self-reliant India)?

D. Sethuraman,
Chennai

CSK's win

That the coveted IPL trophy was won by the Chennai Super Kings team is an example of nothing being impossible if there is teamwork backed by grit, guts and gumption. The nail biting finish proved that cricket is one such game that can leave anyone spellbound with its magic. Overall, the tournament showcased the talents of the young and the old. The future of cricket is really bright.

M. Pradyu,
Thalikavu, Kannur, Kerala

Corrections & Clarifications

A report on UN peacekeeping mission (May 30, 2023) erroneously mentioned March 29 as the U.N. Peacekeepers Day. It should have been May 29.

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Using Buddhism as a tool of soft power

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I am a Shakya from Nepal, a supposed descendant of Siddhartha Shakya, who went on to be known as the Buddha. Every Shakya is engaged in a different path today, yet is bound by one phenomenon. But it is rare for individuals, or the tribe, or even Nepal to feature in a congregation of Buddhists such as the Global Buddhist Summit, which took place in New Delhi in April. Realisations like these prompt a closer look at why growing superpowers, India and China, are defining their own versions of the future of Buddhism and using it as a tool of soft power.

The Shakyas who ruled Kapilavastu after Buddha's Parinirvana did not have an army, and many were massacred in Sagarahawa. Eventually, the remaining Shakyas fled to different parts of Greater Magadha and to far-flung places like Gandhara (modern-day Afghanistan) and Burma (Myanmar). Many also went to the Kathmandu valley and were granted a status comparable to that of the Vajracharya priests, but they were not permitted to practise priesthood outside of their families. Therefore, in Hiranyavarna Mahavihara (Golden Temple) Shakyas alternate as temple caretakers and conduct all the rituals. Aside from the Kumari temples, this is one of the few temples in the Kathmandu valley where a 1,000-year-old tradition continues. When Nepal accepted a grant from the Government of India to renovate portions of the Golden Temple complex, it created a controversy. Many locals believe that India was only interested in this project because, after Lumbini, the birthplace of Buddha, this is the temple complex most frequently visited by Chinese tourists, indicating vested interests and strategies.

India's Buddhism

For India, Buddhism provided an identity of peace and tranquillity during the formation of the Republic, which was a time of intense violence and division between the country's two key religions, Hinduism and Islam. Professor Naman Ahuja, curator of the Lumbini Museum, discusses the usage of Buddhist symbolism as a means of escaping difficult times, whether it be the Ashoka Pillar or the wheel in the flag. In addition, the inscriptions on the edifice erected by King Ashoka provided evidence of the life and teachings of the Buddha.

Due to such usage and evidence, India likes to claim Buddhism as its own. It convened the Global Buddhist Summit in April primarily to provoke China by promoting Tibetan Buddhism and the Dalai Lama. There were no Nepal representatives present. The summit was hosted by the International Buddhist Confederation, a Buddhist organisation based in India, which has neither a patron nor a member of the Supreme Dhamma Council from Nepal. Nobody from Bhutan, a Buddhist nation, was present either. Therefore, the geopolitical tool for India seems to be the promotion of Tibetan Buddhism, which has greater Western appeal.

The India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage is coming up in Lumbini, Nepal. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone in May 2022. A year later, little progress has been made on the construction of this centre. This could be seen as an attempt to counter the opening of the Gautam Buddha International Airport in Bhairahawa, Nepal, which, in India's eyes, is a Chinese project. It was constructed as part of a project financed by the Asian Development Bank and carried out by a Chinese contractor.

India's overtures of Buddhism in Nepal began only after 'Buddha is Born in Nepal' became a populist slogan of sovereignty in Nepal, which Mr. Modi had to accept in a speech he delivered to the Constituent Assembly in Nepal in 2014. India's claim over Buddhism by excluding discussions with the pallbearers of tradition and the larger Buddhist community will only serve the purpose of irritating China.

> The geopolitical wrangling over the future of Buddhism between India and China is making the Nepal Buddhists uneasy

China's Buddhism

China is home to around 245 million Buddhists, 28,000 Buddhist monasteries, 16,000 temples, and 2,40,000 Buddhist monks and nuns. This makes Buddhism an important soft power for China. By adding religious overtones to China's existing portfolio of cultural and linguistic diplomacy, the state religious system has become increasingly involved in Xi Jinping's efforts to support the growing political and economic power of China abroad. Beijing pursues a multifaceted and flexible approach to promote Chinese Buddhism abroad, with its specific modalities varying depending on whether the target country is Buddhist-majority, Western, or one of China's Asian competitors. As a source of Buddhism, the Chinese look to Nepal rather than India, as the popular temples in Beijing have a connection with Nepal, whether through the use of Newa Ranjana scripts on the pillars or the association of these temples with Nepali artist Arniko, who is revered in China. China utilised Buddhist narratives alongside infrastructure investments in Sri Lanka, just as Cambodia, Laos, and other Buddhist countries in Southeast Asia do. With large crowds thronging to Buddhist temples, China cannot ignore the undercurrents and, therefore, would prefer to use its own version of Buddhism not only for national integration but also as a tool of soft power.

In Nepal, a popular rumour is that China will send five million Buddhist pilgrims and establish hotels and other businesses through its investment arms as a big soft power push. It is also rumoured that India will invest more money in Lumbini. My hope is that the geopolitical wrangling over my ancestors will not turn Nepal into a Buddhist Disneyland.

Rethinking alliances in Andhra

A year before the elections, friends and foes are likely to change

STATE OF PLAY

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The fate of the ruling YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) in the Assembly elections in Andhra Pradesh, scheduled to be held before June 2024, largely depends on whether or not the Opposition parties unite and which of them do.

While being confident that the anti-incumbency factor will work to its advantage, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) is treading cautiously in forging alliances. There is growing clamour within the party to ally with the Jana Sena Party (JSP) given the mass appeal of Pawan Kalyan and the ground that his party has purportedly gained over the years.

Mr. Kalyan has said that he intends to chart his own course if the situation demands it, following the uneasiness between his party and the BJP. This remark is being viewed as a sign of his inclination to embrace the TDP, which has so far not openly committed to it.

Mr. Kalyan is reportedly unhappy that the BJP has not kept its promises made at the time of bifurcation of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh. This includes facilitating the construction of the greenfield capital city Amaravati. But he is trying not to antagonise Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who he claims to share a good relationship with, lest the State's interests be compromised.

Sources say he is wary of the consequences of taking a hasty decision on the alliance, but is also sending out signals that he may eventually choose the TDP as the JSP's new partner.

The JSP came into existence on March 14, 2014, but did not contest the elections that year. Instead, it chose to focus on building the organisation first. It contested elections in 2019, but it suffered a devastating blow, winning just one out of the 138 Assembly seats in which it fielded candidates. Mr. Kalyan himself lost the election in both the constituencies (Bhimavaram and Gajuwaka) in which he contested. Now, even that lone JSP MLA, Rapaka Vara Prasada Rao, representing the Razole Scheduled Caste constituency in Konaseema district, has switched to the YSRCP. The JSP is thus faced with the daunting task of improving its tally from zero to at least a respectable double digits. It certainly cannot recover from another blow.

Its biggest dilemma then is whether to continue as the BJP's ally or join hands with the TDP or to ally with both if they feel the need to form such a united front to take on the ruling YSRCP.

Meanwhile, the BJP insists that its alliance with the JSP is intact. But some of its leaders say these statements are made for public consumption and that the party nurses ambitions to grow on its own.

The BJP joined hands with the TDP in 2014 and won four seats. The alliance came apart in 2018. In the Assembly elections in 2019, the national party drew a blank. It also did not win any seats in the Lok Sabha elections. It had evidently incurred the wrath of the voters for not implementing the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act and for denying Special Category Status. Now, the BJP is hoping to make inroads into the State in 2024 against all the odds. The main problem is that it it is seen as extending tacit support to the YSRCP. A few BJP leaders lent credence to this perception by openly making comments to that effect. Disciplinary action was taken against them by the party high command.

The BJP's debacle in the recent elections to the Legislative Council does not augur well for its dream of performing well the 2024 elections.

Meanwhile, the TDP is pulling out all the stops to capitalise on the anti-incumbency factor. Whether it tastes success remains to be seen, but it stands a chance of at least improving its tally in the Assembly from the present 19. The TDP's original strength was 23 but fell to 19 because four of its MLAs – Vallabhaneni Vamsi Mohan, Vasupalli Ganesh Kumar, Maddali Giridhar and Karanam Balaram – defected to the YSRCP though they did not formally join it.

Former Chief Minister and TDP president N. Chandrababu Naidu and Pawan Kalyan have met on a few occasions in recent months and discussed ways to end YSRCP rule. However, they have stopped short of announcing their likely tie-up. They have stressed on the need for "pro-democratic forces" to wage a collective battle against the YSRCP.

What appears to be certain is that at least two of the opposition parties will forge an alliance to confront the YSRCP, which may be down but not out.

Clean energy funds rise, but mostly in China, Europe, U.S.

The push towards greener fuels is driven by renewable power and electric vehicles

DATA POINT

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The latest report by the International Energy Agency, 'World Energy Investment 2023,' shows that investment in clean energy has increased in recent years, with the transition mainly fuelled by Electric Vehicles (EVs) and renewable power. However, investments are concentrated in advanced economies and China. More worryingly, the decline in the prices of clean energy technologies has reversed slightly in the past two years.

The report shows that economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic coupled with global efforts in tackling energy scarcity have significantly propelled investments in the renewable energy sector. The report, which compares the International Energy Agency's 2023 forecasts with the actual data from 2021, highlights a notable finding: annual investments in green energy have outpaced those in fossil fuels during this period, recording a growth of 24% against 15%.

The report also highlights the influence of recent geopolitical events on the energy market. Specifically, it points out that Russia's invasion of Ukraine has led to substantial instability in the fossil fuel markets. Interestingly, this volatility has inadvertently accelerated the deployment of various renewable energy technologies, despite triggering an immediate scramble for oil and gas resources.

Chart 1 shows the global energy investment in clean energy and fossil fuels, 2015-2023 (estimated) in billion $. While investments in fossil fuels have been stagnant, money flow into clean energy has considerably grown in recent years. The push towards greener fuels is driven predominantly by renewable power and EVs, according to the report. These sectors, complemented by additional contributions from other areas like battery technology, heat pumps, and nuclear power, have been at the forefront of this transition.

In 2023, low-emission power sources are expected to attract nearly 90% of the total investment in electricity generation. Among these, solar energy shines brightest. Investment in solar energy is projected to exceed $1 billion per day in 2023, totaling $380 billion for the year. **Chart 2** shows the annual clean energy investment, 2015-2023 (estimated) in billion $.

The report shows that over 90% of the surge in clean energy investment since 2021 has been concentrated in advanced economies and China. The increases in clean energy investment in these regions since 2021 have outstripped the total clean energy investment in the rest of the world combined.

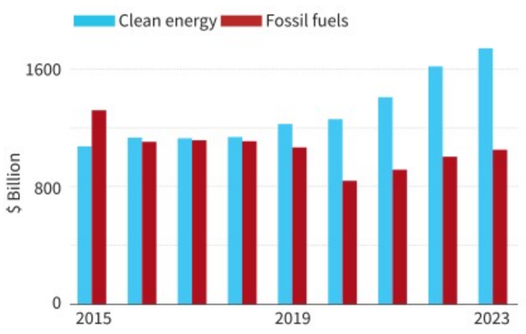
However, there are other regions that are demonstrating progress. India, for instance, continues to exhibit robust investment in solar energy. Brazil's deployment of renewable energy is on a consistent upward trajectory, while investor interest is escalating in parts of West Asia, specifically Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Oman. But despite these developments, hurdles remain for many countries, the report argues. Higher interest rates, ambiguous policy frameworks, market designs, financially constrained utilities, and a high cost of capital are all impeding investment. **Chart 3** shows the increase in annual clean energy investment across select countries and regions, 2019-2023 (estimated) in billion $.

In a shift from the consistent trend of cost reductions, prices for several crucial clean energy technologies experienced a rise in 2021 and 2022, largely because of escalating input prices for critical minerals, semiconductors, and bulk materials such as steel and cement. **Chart 4** shows the average prices for selected technologies in $ per kilowatt hour (nominal prices) and $ million per megawatt.

Clean and green

The report was prepared by the Energy Investment Unit in the Energy Supply and Investment Outlook Division of the Directorate of Sustainability, Technology and Outlooks

Chart 1: Global energy investment in clean energy and fossil fuels, 2015-2023 (estimated) in billion $



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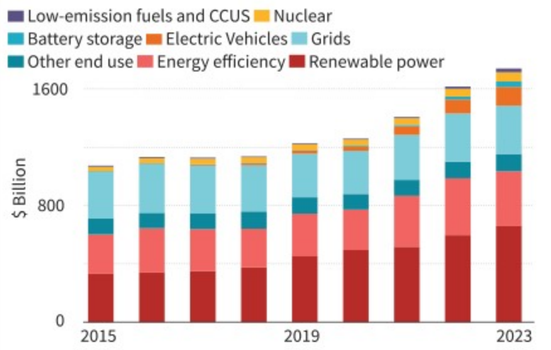

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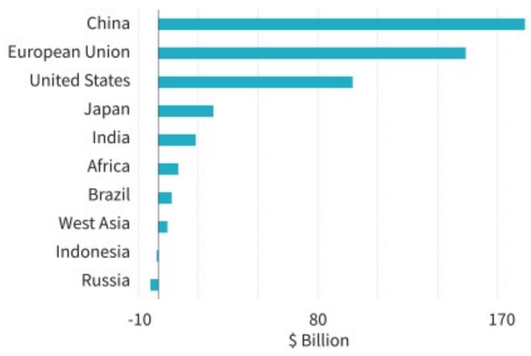

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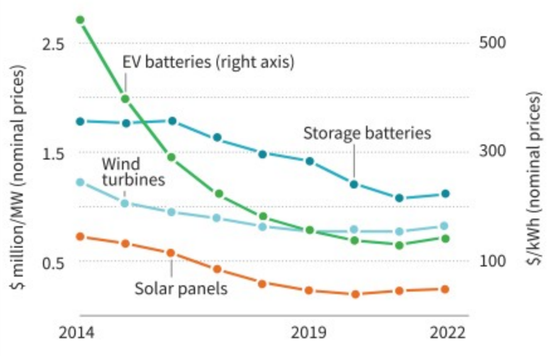


FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO MAY 31, 1973

Bank rate raised by 1 PC to curb inflation

Bombay, May 30: The Reserve Bank of India to-day announced an unprecedented increase in the bank rate from six to seven per cent in a massive effort to curb inflation. The monetary authority combined its effort with a plea to the Union Government that the "primary corrective" had to be found in "budgetary measures, particularly greater control over public expenditure." In a letter to all commercial banks, the Governor, Mr. S. Jagannathan, also sought in effect to impound for one year about Rs. 190 crores of their lendable funds and to put a stop to the current rate war among banks to attract loan amounts of bigger borrowers by offering competitively lower interest rates to them. A Reserve Bank press note said that a minimum lending rate of 10 per cent on bank advances other than those specifically exempted had also been fixed, effective from June 1. The minimum lending rate of 10 per cent will not apply to those categories which are specifically exempted from this requirement such as those covered by the credit guarantee schemes exports, primary co-operatives, public sector food procurement, storage and distribution and those under the differential interest schemes. In all other cases, banks have been asked to review the interest charged in keeping with the policy objective of raising the cost of borrowing. The minimum statutory reserves to be maintained by scheduled banks with the RBI have been raised from 3 to 5 per cent to be fulfilled before June 29.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO MAY 31, 1923

Opium prohibition

Geneva, May 30: The Opium Commission yesterday heard the report of Monsignor Brent on the American efforts to suppress the abuse of opium in the Philippines, and which urged the necessity of an understanding being arrived at with other countries to overcome smuggling which is still rampant there. Sir Malcolm Delevingne on behalf of Britain formulated proposals promoting the enforcement of the second part of the International Convention. He recommended raising the price of prepared opium, registration of opium smokers, supervision and control of production, state monopoly for sale of opium products and International understanding for the restriction and supervision of the trade in opium.

From Page One

Amit Shah appeals for 15-day peace in Manipur

After the May 3 violence, as many as 1,420 weapons were looted from police camps, out of which more than 500 have been recovered so far.

A statement by the Home Ministry said the Minister, at a review meeting with senior officials of the Manipur police, the Central Armed Police Forces and the Army, said "peace and prosperity of Manipur is top priority" and instructed them to strictly deal with any activities disturbing peace.

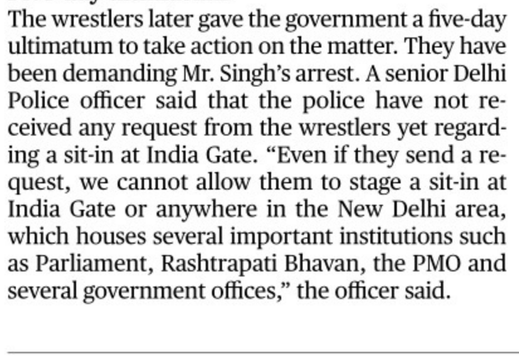
Mr. Shah met members of the civil society organisations and a group of women leaders of the Meitei community in Imphal and Kuki-Zo groups in Churachandpur district on the second day of his visit to Manipur on Tuesday.

While the Chief Minister was present in meetings in Imphal, he did not accompany Mr. Shah to the hill region of Churachandpur.

'Can't accept bifurcation'

In a memorandum to Mr. Shah, the influential Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI) said the bifurcation of Manipur could never be accepted. Slamming the 10 Kuki MLAs for demanding a separate administration, the organisation blamed "narco-terrorists" hit by the Manipur government's drive against drugs for the unrest. "There can be no solution before the narco-terrorist aggressors are uprooted from the soil of Manipur," the COCOMI said.

Wrestlers defer plan to immerse medals



Not giving up: The protesting wrestlers at Har ki Pauri in Haridwar on Tuesday. PTI

Earlier in the day, the protesting wrestlers issued a statement regarding their plans to immerse their medals, adding that they would then begin an *amaran anshan* (indefinite hunger strike) at the India Gate. However, the Delhi Police said that the wrestlers would not be permitted to hold any protest in the high-security area.

Emotional scenes were witnessed at Haridwar's Har Ki Pauri as the wrestlers – including Sakshi Malik, Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia – sat at Ganga Ghat with their supporters for over an hour with their medals in their hands and tears in their eyes. Their attempt was stopped after Mr. Tikait, president of the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU), arrived at Haridwar along with BKU volunteers. After seeking five days from them, the farmer leader told journalists that he could not let the players give up their medals. "What will these daughters be going through while thinking of throwing their medals to protect their honour? I am taking their medals but we will continue our fight," he said.

Five-day ultimatum

The wrestlers later gave the government a five-day ultimatum to take action on the matter. They have been demanding Mr. Singh's arrest. A senior Delhi Police officer said that the police have not received any request from the wrestlers yet regarding a sit-in at India Gate. "Even if they send a request, we cannot allow them to stage a sit-in at India Gate or anywhere in the New Delhi area, which houses several important institutions such as Parliament, Rashtrapati Bhavan, the PMO and several government offices," the officer said.

'Clashes in Manipur nothing to do with counter-insurgency'

Situation primarily due to conflict between two ethnicities, says CDS Gen. Anil Chauhan; challenges in State will settle with time, he adds

Shoumojit Banerjee
PUNE

> It is a law-and-order kind of situation and we are helping the State with the problem. We have done an excellent job and saved a large number of lives
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> **GENERAL ANIL CHAUHAN**
> Chief of Defence Staff

The current turmoil in Manipur is primarily an ethnic clash and has nothing to do with insurgency, the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan said on Tuesday.

"The situation in Manipur has nothing to do with counter-insurgency and is primarily a clash between two ethnicities. It is a law-and-order kind of situation and we are helping the State government with the problem. We [the Army] have done an excellent job and saved a large number of lives," Gen. Chauhan told reporters here after reviewing the Passing Out Parade (POP) of the National Defence Academy (NDA) at Pune's Khadakwasla.

While stating that the challenges in Manipur had "not disappeared", the CDS expressed hope that the problems would settle down in some time and that the State government would be able to deal with the situation with the help of the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF).

"Before 2020, the Army, the Assam Rifles were all deployed in Manipur for counterinsurgency operations. As the challenges in our Northern borders was greater, we were able to withdraw the Army [from Manipur]. We were able to do it as the insurgency situation [in Manipur] had normalised," Gen. Chauhan said.

Solatium to victims

Meanwhile, the Centre and the Manipur government have decided to give a compensation of ₹10 lakh to those who died during the ethnic conflict in Manipur, officials said Tuesday.

A member of the family of those who died in the rioting will also be provided a job.

Earlier, addressing cadets at the PoP, the CDS said that the war in Europe [alluding to the Russo-Ukrainian conflict], the deployment of China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) along the northern borders and the political and economic turmoil in the immediate neighbourhood presented "a different kind of challenge for the Indian military".

"...But the armed forces are committed to maintain the legitimacy of our claims on the Line of Control...," Gen. Chauhan said. *(With PTI inputs)*

Congress meets President seeking high-level panel to probe Manipur violence

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI/ KOLKATA

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh with former Manipur Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh in New Delhi on Tuesday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday led an eight-member delegation to meet President Droupadi Murmu and sought her intervention to restore peace in violence-hit Manipur.

In a memorandum submitted to the President, the principal Opposition party called for the constitution of a high-level inquiry commission headed by a serving or retired Supreme Court judge to probe into the violence and put forward a 12-point charter of demands to help restore normalcy in the State. "Though there were several lapses in the management of the situation in the early stages of the violence, leading to the present impasse, now is not the time to point fingers but to act. If the suggestions above are implemented in earnest, peace can perhaps be restored once again. The Congress party is a responsible political party and is ever ready to lend support to any initiative to restore peace, normalcy and harmony in the State of Manipur," read the memorandum.

They urged the President to call on the Union government to immediately take all possible measures to control and confine all militant groups and ensure that all armed civilian groups be stopped forthwith by taking appropriate action. The State government must immediately take over the management and maintenance of all relief camps and provide proper health and sanitation facilities for all, the party demanded.

"It is with a deep sense of loss and hurt that we humbly submitted a memorandum to the President of India, for her kind intervention so that the extraordinary situation confronting Manipur can be redressed and normalcy can be brought in urgently," Mr. Kharge said on Twitter after the meeting.

Later, addressing the media, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the current situation in Manipur is a result of the BJP's divisive politics. "It is the intelligence failure, the administrative failure and the political failure in Manipur," he said.

Mamata writes to govt.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday said she had written to the Centre, seeking permission to visit Manipur. "I want to be with the people of Manipur... I have no intention to breach any protocol but wish to be with the peace-loving people of the State," she said.

Opposition parties together at national level, says Mamata

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

A day after the lone Congress MLA from West Bengal defected to the Trinamool Congress, Chief Minister and Trinamool Chairperson Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday said that all Opposition parties, including the Congress, were together at the national level and the defection of the Congress MLA was a local issue.

"We are all together at the national level. At the State level, all the parties must understand that State parties have their own obligation," Ms. Banerjee said when asked about the defection of Congress MLA Bayron Biswas to her party. On Monday, Mr. Biswas, who was elected to the Assembly on March 2, 2023, joined the Trinamool.

While referring to Mr. Biswas's defection, senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said that such poaching was not designed to strengthen Opposition unity and only served the BJP's objectives.

Ms. Banerjee tried to downplay the remarks, thanked Mr. Ramesh and said that the party had put candidates in Assembly elections in only a few States, not all the States where Congress was contesting Assembly polls.

Confirms participation

The Chief Minister confirmed that she would participate in the meeting of Opposition parties scheduled in Patna on June 12. "I told Nitish *ji* [Bihar CM Nitish Kumar] to hold a meeting of Opposition parties in Patna. He asked me a day before and I confirmed that I will be participating," Ms. Banerjee said.

Yechury asks Cong. to join AAP's fight against Union govt. in Delhi services row

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Taking a stand: CPI (M) leader Sitaram Yechury with Aam Aadmi Party leaders in New Delhi on Tuesday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Stepping up pressure on the Congress, Communist Party of India (Marxist) general secretary Sitaram Yechury on Tuesday appealed to the party to support the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) efforts in Rajya Sabha to defeat the Bill replacing the Ordinance on the posting and transfers of civil servants in the national capital. Mr. Yechury was speaking after holding a meeting with Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and other Aam Aadmi Party leaders.

He said that the inter-party differences should be set aside and called the Ordinance of May 19 a direct attack on India's Constitutional values. "The danger is no longer that we will have an autocratic regime. If we don't resist, we will have a fascist regime to contend with," he said.

Congress leaders from Delhi and Punjab have told the party leadership to not support the AAP in its fight against the Ordinance and urged the party president Mallikarjun Kharge and senior leader Rahul Gandhi not to meet Mr. Kejriwal.

Singling out the Congress, Mr. Yechury said, "I appeal to Congress that to save our Constitution we should all fight together."

He also cautioned that Delhi could be just one of the first examples of interference from the Centre.

Excise policy case: Delhi HC rejects bail plea of Sisodia

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Tuesday rejected bail plea of former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, arrested in connection with the Delhi Excise Policy case, noting there are "serious allegations of misconduct" against him.

Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma said that statement of the concerned excise officers have been relied upon by the CBI in connection with its investigation into the case against the Aam Aadmi Party leader.

"There are serious allegations of misconduct against Mr. Sisodia. He being an influential person and the witnesses being mostly public servants, the possibility of witnesses being influenced cannot be ruled out," Justice Sharma said.

10 pilgrims killed as bus falls off bridge in Jammu

The Hindu Bureau
JAMMU

The wreckage of the bus after the accident at Jhajjar Kotli, near Katra in Jammu district on Tuesday. PTI

Ten pilgrims were killed and 57 injured when a bus heading for the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine fell off a bridge in Jammu's Katra area.

Initial reports said the victims were from Bihar.

"The bus was on its way to Katra from Amritsar when the incident took place near Jhajjar Kotli, about 15 km from Katra, in Jammu district," Senior Superintendent of Police, Jammu, Chandan Kohli said. The injured, many of them in a critical condition, were shifted to the Government Medical College, Jammu.

J&K Director General of Police Dilbag Singh said the accident seemed to be a case of human error. "The driver was driving at night. Besides, the road is raised like a flyover and speeding could also result in such a fatal accident. All these are part of the investigation. There could have been slight overloading," the DGP said. J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha approved a compensation of ₹5 lakh each to the next of kin of the deceased.

Every decision in last 9 years guided by desire to improve people's lives: PM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

> Through numerous initiatives we have transformed millions of lives. Our mission continues — to uplift every citizen and fulfil their dreams
>
> **NARENDRA MODI**
> Prime Minister

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday expressed gratitude to the people of the country as he completed nine years at the helm of the Union government.

"Today, as we complete 9 years in service to the nation, I am filled with humility and gratitude. Every decision made, every action taken, has been guided by the desire to improve the lives of people. We will keep working even harder to build a developed India," the PM posted in a tweet, adding that the affection of the people of the country gave him strength to work harder.

In another tweet, the PM shared the highlights of the government's initiatives, noting that they strived to uphold the dignity and enhance the livelihoods of India's poorest citizens. "Through numerous initiatives we have transformed millions of lives. Our mission continues – to uplift every citizen and fulfil their dreams," he said.

Mr. Modi's tweet linked to a website showcasing India's development journey spurred by the BJP-led government over the past nine years. The PM also shared an article written by former President Ram Nath Kovind titled, "Nine years of hope, aspiration and trust", and another by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman about how the government has overcome the challenge of change since 2014.

Mr. Modi also highlighted an article written by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on India's international image as a responsible development partner, a first responder, and a voice of the Global South.

Home Minister Amit Shah said that the Modi-led government has raised the standard of living of the poorest of the poor by giving them basic facilities such as housing, electricity, gas and health insurance. He maintained that, for the first time ever, the poor felt connected to the country's development journey.

"While many developed countries are yet to emerge from the effects of the Corona pandemic, the rapidly growing Indian economy under the leadership of Modi *ji* has become a role model for the world. Taking modernity and cultural heritage together, Modi *ji* is working towards a self-reliant India with a determined spirit," the Home Minister added.

ED conducts searches against Jharkhand MLA

Press Trust of India
RANCHI

The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday conducted searches at various locations in Jharkhand linked to Congress MLA Pradeep Yadav and others, as part of a money laundering investigation against them, official sources said.

The five-time legislator from the Poraiyahat seat of the State is the Deputy Leader of the Party in the State Assembly.

About a dozen locations linked to the MLA in the State are being raided as part of a probe being conducted against him and others under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the sources said.

APPEAL

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Safiq Rahman

Despite Gehlot-Pilot truce, key 'issues' are yet to be ironed out

While Pilot remained silent, Gehlot talked about patience and waiting for the right opportunity to serve the party; to pacify both Rajasthan leaders, the Congress leadership had held separate meetings with them before joint photograph

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Balancing act: Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge with party leaders Rahul Gandhi, K.C. Venugopal, Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

The Congress may have announced truce between Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and his former Deputy Sachin Pilot, and asserted that the two would unitedly fight the Assembly polls, but sources claimed "core issues" have not been addressed.

While sources close to both Mr. Gehlot and Mr. Pilot told *The Hindu* on Tuesday that there was 'no concrete proposal', Mr. Gehlot stressed on the virtue of patience. Various proposals are being speculated to accommodate the former Deputy Chief Minister, including one to make him the Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) chief once again. He was stripped of both the positions after his unsuccessful rebellion against Mr. Gehlot in July 2020.

"I remember the words of Sonia Gandhi who at the Congress convention had asked party workers to have patience and they would get to serve the party in some way. I keep this in my heart and tell party people to have patience. They would get the opportunity to serve the party in some way. So I call for patience, patience, patience," Mr. Gehlot told reporters.

'Leadership to decide'

Asked if he would be able to work with Mr. Pilot and in what role, the Chief Minister replied, "If he [Mr. Pilot] is in the party then why won't he do this.... It is for the high command to decide what role one plays."

And in a not-so-subtle message to Mr. Pilot, who had raised issues such as recruitment exams paper leak, Mr. Gehlot asserted that his government had delivered on the ground.

The announcement of truce by general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal, without directly addressing the three key demands of Mr. Pilot has put his supporters in a dilemma. Earlier, Mr. Pilot had given an 'ultimatum' to his own government to order a high-level probe into alleged corruption during the previous Vasundhara Raje-led government by the end of May.

"He [Mr. Pilot] has no other option but to start his agitation programme if no firm announcement is made. Maybe, he will wait till June 11 [his father Rajesh Pilot's death anniversary] and then make an announcement. But he is firm about his demands," said one of his supporters.

Sources also told *The Hindu* that apart from the press conference of Mr. Venugopal with the two leaders by his side outside Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge's house, the top leadership held separate meetings with both of them and all of them posed together for a photo inside Mr. Kharge's official residence.

Government drops plans to host SCO summit in Delhi, will now be in virtual format

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

The Centre has not got confirmation from some SCO countries, including China and Pakistan

In a sudden change of plans just a month before the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced that India will now Chair the summit in virtual format, not in-person, as planned before.

"Under India's first-ever Chairmanship, the 22nd summit of the SCO Council of Heads of State will be held in the virtual format on July 4, 2023, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi," said an MEA press release, adding that leaders of "all SCO member states": China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, have been invited to attend the summit via video conference. Turkmenistan is a permanent invitee, while Presidents of Iran, Belarus and Mongolia have been invited as Observer States.

No reason was given for the change, although the original invitations to SCO leaders, including Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif and leaders of Central Asian states, had invited them to Delhi. In addition, during the SCO Foreign Minister's meeting in Goa, an official release issued after a meeting between Minister of External Affairs S. Jaishankar and SCO Secretary-General Zhang Ming had referred to cooperation on "successfully holding the main event, specifically, the SCO summit in New Delhi."

Diplomatic sources said the government's decision to hold the summit via videoconference was only intimated to them just before the MEA announcement. An "urgent" letter sent by India's SCO National Coordinator Yojna Patel dated on Monday, addressed to all member states and Mr. Ming simply said that the "Indian side hereby conveys that the SCO summit on July 4 will be held in virtual format."

Sources told *The Hindu* that one of the reasons may have been "scheduling difficulties", and that the government had not received final confirmations from some of the SCO leaders, including China and Pakistan.

In addition, the continuing war in Ukraine, and recent escalation of drone attacks in Kyiv and Moscow may have cast a shadow over the participation of Mr. Putin.

Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni meeting President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

'India keen to boost ties with Cambodia'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday said India is keen to further elevate its defence relations with Cambodia besides increasing tourism and people-to-people contacts.

Welcoming Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni, the King of Cambodia, at Rashtrapati Bhavan, Ms. Murmu said there is great potential for further growth in trade and investment between India and Cambodia. She said India is keen to further elevate its defence relations with the Southeast Asian country.

Welcoming King Sihamoni on his first visit to India, she said his visit demonstrates the importance that Cambodia attaches to its ties with India as the two countries share a rich and vibrant relationship.

"We value our shared history and consider Cambodia as our civilisational sister country," Ms. Murmu said.

Migration agents letting students down: Australian envoy

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Urging students wishing to study in Australia to be cautious of "migration agents" who fill false information in their applications, Australian High Commissioner Barry O'Farrell said that the "uptick" in fraudulent applications had led to universities in Australia to bar applicants from six Indian States. These include Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir.

Mr. O'Farrell, who ends his tenure in India shortly, said that India can never been "ignored" again in Australia given the growing diaspora there, and insisted that Australia welcomes Indians from every part of the country.

"What we see is a failure by migration agents who are letting down students by not completing their forms accurately. We have seen an uptick of false information and fraudulent applications and as a result a very small number of [Australian] universities have turned the tap off on migration agents responsible," Mr. O'Farrell told journalists at an event organised by the Indian Association of Foreign Affairs Correspondents (IAFAC).

Barry O'Farrell

Mr. O'Farrell, former Governor of New South Wales Province, was appointed High Commissioner to India by the then Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison in 2020. He is expected to be succeeded by Phillip Green.

'Ties at best ever levels'

Referring to the diaspora event in Sydney last week, Mr. O'Farrell said that the India-Australia relationship is at the "best ever" levels and that the Indian community in Australia had an important role in strengthening ties.

Indian migrants form the second-highest population of residents in Australia with a population of more than 7,00,000 and about 86,000 Indians study at Australian universities. He also said that initiatives such as the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA), and an FTA under negotiation, the common vision of the Quad and the Indo-Pacific, and hopes of building resilient supply chains had brought the two countries closer together.

"Australia has elements that India needs to grow," he said pointing to critical minerals and rare earths needed for Electric Vehicles, manufacturing etc.

When asked about concerns over the targeting of Indian community centres, Mr. O'Farrell said that there was considerable "surprise" in Australia over the violence that followed calls for a "referendum" by pro-Khalistan elements in the country, and the incidents of vandalism and painting of anti-India and anti-Modi graffiti on temples in the country.

"It is disturbing for me to see because the [Indian] diaspora has been seen as a very law abiding and peaceful community." He said that whoever was behind the attacks was "blackening the name of Australia" that prides itself on being a multicultural society.

NIA names 'mastermind' in Ludhiana blast case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The NIA has filed a supplementary chargesheet against two persons in connection with the Ludhiana court complex bomb blast, in which one person was killed and six others were injured on December 23, 2021.

The agency has alleged that Pakistan-based Lakhbir Singh Rode, who is from Moga in Punjab, was the mastermind of the attack. He had got Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) smuggled into India for triggering explosions across Punjab. He heads the banned outfits Khalistan Liberation Force and International Sikh Youth Federation.

Another accused arraigned is Harpreet Singh aka Happy Malaysia, who is from Amritsar. The NIA had declared a reward of ₹10 lakh on him. He was arrested in December 2022 soon after he landed at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in New Delhi from Malaysia.

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हुलिया अपहृता : उम्र 17 साल लम्बाई 5.5 फुट, रंग गेहुआ, गोल चेहरा।

नाम आरोपी : सद्दाम
पिता : श्री अलादीन खां
निवासी : पुन्दलु चौराया बोरूदा जिला जोधपुर ग्रामीण
पुलिस थाना : बोरूदा
जिला : जोधपुर ग्रामीण
हुलिया आरोपी : लम्बाई 5.8 इंच रंग–गेहुआ, बाल–काले, चेहरा गोल, नाक तीखा, छोटी–छोटी मुछे है।

दिनांक 28.03.2017 थाना मेडताशहर जिला नागौर में गुमशुदा राधा व आरोपी सद्दाम दोनों की तलाश के भरसक प्रयासों के बावजूद भी कोई पता नहीं चला है एवं तलाश जारी है। उक्त गुमशुदा बालिका व आरोपी की आप अपने–अपने क्षेत्र में तलाश करावें एवं मिलने पर शीघ्र निम्न को सूचित करें।

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Sd/- SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Bureau of Investment Promotion
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BIP/Info/89 Date :- 19/05/2023

Notice Inviting Bid

Bids for "Selection of Consultant for Investment Promotion and Facilitation to the Investors" are invited from interested bidders up to 3:00 PM on 15.06.2023. Other Particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in**) of the state.

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Raj.Samwad/C/23/3105 Commissioner (Inv. & NRIs)

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 1) E-Tender No 46 & 47/2023-24/SE/PHC/CHN GENERAL - AMRUT 2.0 - **(1)** Improving water supply to Fort Kochi area - Supplying, laying, testing and commissioning of 600mm DI K9 pumping main for a length of 3300m from Beach road Jn. to Fort Kochi OHSR - Pipeline Work, **(2)** Providing FHTC to the existing completed schemes in Kochi Corporation Division No 1 to 28 (New) - Pipeline Work, **EMD :** Rs. 2,00,000/-, 2,00,000/-, **Tender fee :** Rs. 13010, 13010, **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 19-06-2023, 03:00 pm, **Phone :** 0484 - 2360645. Website: **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

Superintending Engineer
KWA-JB-GL-6-382-2023-24 PH Circle, Kochi

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS : TIRUPATI
Office of the Chief Engineer TENDER NOTICE

Adv.No.17/D3/CE/TTD/2023-24 & NIT No.27/SE-I/TTD/2023-24 Dt.29/05/2023
●**Name of works: (1)** Facility Management Service for House keeping and Sanitation and all maintenance for Madhavam Rest House (164 Rooms) at Tirupati for the years 2023-2024, 2024-2025 & 2025-2026 (for 36 months), Open Tender Type, Time for completion 36 months. ●**Schedule Download Start Date:** 07-06-2023 (05.00 p.m.); ●Downloaded End Date:26-06-2023 (1.00 P.M.) ● **Last Date for bid submission: 26-06-2023 (3.00 p.m.) NOTE:** For full details log on to the website **https://www.tirumala.org.**

Roc.No.PR4/13954/Adv.No.69/PRO/2023, Dt:30-05-2023 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dr. YSR UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES: A.P
VIJAYAWADA – 520 008

No.01A/We/TS/DM2/23 **TENDER NOTICE (2nd Call)** Date : 27.05.2023

Sealed Tenders are invited for the following work at Dr. YSR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada.

Sl.No.	Name of the work
1	Supply and installation of high availability servers to IT section of Dr. YSR UHS, Vijayawada.

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1	Providing and Laying 1600 mm dia pipeline from the Outfall of Bhalswa Lake Terminating into supplementary drain to the inlet of nearby Existing interceptor Sewer Manhole.	Rs 2,39,70,682/-	Rs 4,79,500/-	1500/-	29.05.2023 Tender Id 2023_DJB_241994_1	09.06.2023 at 03:00 P.M

Further details in this regard can be seen at https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (DR)PROJ. - III
VARUNALAYA BUILDING, PHASE-II, KAROL BAGH, NEW DELHI-110005
email: eecdr15.djb@gmail.com

NIT No.- 01/EE(C)DR-XV (2023-24)

Name of Work	Tender Amount (Rs.)	Tender fees (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Date of Release in e-procurement	Last date and time of receipt through e-procurement
Providing House Sewer Connections from nearest DJB Manholes/ chambers to individual house in Sangam Vihar GOC, 8 colonies under EE(C)DR-XV Tender ID: 2023_DJB_241862_1	3,85,03,411/-	1500/- Non refundable	7,70,068/-	04 Months	16.06.2023 at 03:10 PM
Providing House Sewer Connections to individual households in Sangam Vihar (14 colonies). Tender ID: 2023_DJB_241862_2	4,43,20,274/-	1500/- Non refundable	8,86,405/-	04 Months	16.06.2023 at 03:10 PM

NIT along with all the terms & conditions is available on Web Site http://delhi.govtprocurement.com.

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कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग-टोंक
क्रमांक : 630-640 दिनांक : 23/5/2023
संशोधित अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या-03/पीएमजीएसवाई /2023-24

इस कार्यालय के पत्र क्रमांक 341-350 दिनांक 03.05.2023 एवं 500-509 दिनांक 15.05.2023 द्वारा प्रकाशित अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या- 03/पीएमजीएसवाई/2023-24 में अंकित सभी कार्यों में अपरिहार्य कारणों से निविदा तिथियों में निम्नानुसार संशोधन किया जाता है- पूर्व में RO No DIPR/C/6658/23 से प्रकाशित की गई थी।

विवरण	पूर्व में प्रकाशित तिथियां	संशोधित तिथियां
निविदा फार्म डाउनलोड/ अपलोड करने की तारीख	05 मई, 2023, प्रातः 9:30 बजे से 23 मई 2023, दोपहर 12:00 बजे तक	05 मई, 2023, प्रातः 9:30 बजे से 30 मई 2023, दोपहर 12:00 बजे तक
ऑन लाईन तकनीकी निविदा खोलने की तारीख	23 मई 2023 सायं 03:00 बजे।	30 मई, 2023, सायं 3.00 बजे
ऑन लाईन निविदा शुल्क/धरोहर राशि फार्म जमा कराने की तारीख	23 मई 2023, दोपहर 12.00 बजे	31 मई 2023 दोपहर 12.00 बजे

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क्रमांक : 653-662 दिनांक : 23/5/2023
संशोधित अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या-05/पीएमजीएसवाई /2023-24

इस कार्यालय के पत्र क्रमांक 446-456 दिनांक 11.05.2023 द्वारा प्रकाशित अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या-05, पीएमजीएसवाई / 2023-24 में अंकित सभी कार्यों में अपरिहार्य कारणों से निविदा तिथियों में निम्नानुसार संशोधन किया जाता है- पूर्व में RO No DIPR/C/7134/23/ date 16-05-2023 से प्रकाशित की गई थी।

विवरण	पूर्व में प्रकाशित तिथियां	संशोधित तिथियां
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निविदा की शेष शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी।
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DIPR/C/7593/2023

INBRIEF

4,433 kg of poppy straw worth ₹1 cr. seized in Gujarat; 2 held

In a major haul, the Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) Madhya Pradesh unit has seized 4,433.45 kg of poppy straw packed in 206 plastic bags and hidden behind boxes of a popular biscuit brand in a container truck at Mehsana toll plaza in Gujarat, an official said on Tuesday. The market value of the stock is estimated to be about ₹1 crore, as per sources. Two persons were apprehended, and the poppy straw, cover cargo and the truck were seized under provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, deputy narcotics commissioner Dr. Sanjay Kumar Meena said. PTI

HC reserves order on plea against ₹2,000 note recall

The Delhi High Court on Tuesday reserved its verdict on a second public interest litigation (PIL) petition challenging the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) decision to withdraw ₹2,000 denomination currency notes from circulation. The petition, filed by Rajneesh Bhaskar Gupta, said that the RBI notification gave no other reason except "Clean Note Policy" for the withdrawal. The plea was opposed by the Senior advocate Parag P. Tripathi, who is representing the RBI, by saying that it was a "currency management exercise" and a matter of economic policy while stating how another PIL plea was dismissed by the court only on Monday.

Sole Congress MP from Maharashtra passes away

In a blow to the Congress party in Maharashtra, its lone Lok Sabha member, Chandrapur MP Suresh Dhanorkar, also known as 'Balu' Dhanorkar, passed away at Gurugram's Medanta Hospital early on Tuesday morning, party sources said. He was 47. Dhanorkar had been admitted to a Nagpur-based hospital last week for treatment of kidney stones. However, he was moved to the NCR in an air ambulance when his condition worsened on Sunday. At a time when all of Maharashtra's tall Congress leaders fell like dominoes before the BJP onslaught, Dhanorkar held his own and proved himself a 'giant-killer' by trouncing Mr. Ahir, a former Union Minister.

HC notice to Haj Committee on collection of extra charges

The Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court recently directed the Haj Committee of India to reply to allegations of unequal charges levied on more than 200 Haj pilgrims embarking from Mumbai and Nagpur. Those leaving for Haj from Nagpur have claimed that they have to pay ₹62,000 extra as compared to those embarking from Mumbai. The pleas filed by residents of Vidarbha and Nagpur point out that the circular by which the excess amount has been charged is in violation of Article 14 (equality before the law) of the Indian Constitution. The court has issued notice to the Haj Committee and directed it to file a reply by June 15.

35 lakh students of Class X failed or dropped out in 2021-22: Education Ministry

Government also wants to analyse which Boards perform well in NEET or secure better ranks as there may be significant variance in syllabus leading to barriers for national-level common tests

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

Of the 35 lakh students who fail, only 4.5 lakh appear in exams through National Institute of Open Schooling. A.M. FARUQUI

Approximately 35 lakh students enrolled in Class 10 in 2021-2022 did not progress to Class 11, according to an analysis exercise carried out by the Ministry of Education (MoE).

Of these 35 lakh students, 27.5 lakh failed, and 7.5 lakh students did not appear for the Class 10 examinations.

While the failure rate of students in Central Boards, including the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) is as low as 5%, it can be as high as 16% in State Boards.

Sanjay Kumar, Secretary (School Education), MoE, said that the significant variance in syllabus taught in different Boards, especially related to Physics, Chemistry and Biology, creates barriers for national-level common tests, including Common University Entrance Test (CUET), Joint Entrance Examination (JEE), and the National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (NEET).

Responding to a query from *The Hindu* on Tuesday, Mr. Kumar said that the MoE has now requested data from the National Testing Agency on students that qualify for the NEET, and the Ministry wants to analyse students of which Boards perform well in NEET, or secure better ranks.

Of the 35 lakh students who failed or did not appear in the Class 10 exams, only 4.5 lakh students appeared in exams through National Institute of Open Schooling, and there too the failure rates ranged between 47% to 55%.

"There are a large number of students who are slipping through cracks after Class 10 and very few of these are going for open schooling. This missing cohort can be caught for skilling them or increasing open schooling enrolments," the official said.

Analysis of State-wise data on students passing and failing in Class 10 and 12 exams by the MoE reveals that results of students studying across up to 60 State Boards in India vary considerably from one State to another.

Only 11 States contribute to 85% dropouts, or nearly 30 lakh students. They are Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Assam, West Bengal, Haryana and Chhattisgarh.

The purpose of analysing results across Boards is to standardise Board exams as recommended by the National Education Policy, 2020.

Khalistan reference removed from Class XII NCERT textbook

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The decision was taken after Ministry of Education received a letter from the SGPC

The lines which refer to a plea for a separate Sikh nation referring to the creation of Khalistan have been dropped by the National Council of Educational Research and Training from the political science textbook of Class 12, officials from the NCERT said on Tuesday.

The decision was taken after receiving a representation from stakeholders, particularly after a letter from Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, was received by the Ministry of Education. The letter referred to withdrawing allegedly objectionable content against the Sikh community by misrepresenting Sri Anandpur Sahib Resolution. The resolution was passed in 1973 at Anandpur Sahib in Punjab by a section of Akalis (a faction involved in bringing reform in gurdwaras) who had begun to demand political autonomy for the region, by redefining the Centre-State relationship.

In this regard, a committee of experts was constituted by the NCERT to examine the issue. After examining the issue, it recommended that two lines be dropped from seventh chapter – Regional Aspirations – of the rationalised Class 12 political science textbook.

In the NCERT textbook, Sri Anandpur Sahib Resolution, the line – '*but it could also be interpreted as a plea for a separate Sikh nation*' has been dropped. The line preceding this – '*The resolution was a plea for strengthening federalism,*' has been retained.

While the print versions of the rationalised books are already out and may not reflect the change, the digital soft copy of the Class 12 textbook has been uploaded on the NCERT website with appropriate changes, said Sanjay Kumar, Secretary (School Education), Ministry of Education.

INMA Awards: *The Hindu In School* gets honourable mention

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Weekender makes it to final list in the National Brands: Best Subscription Niche Product category

The Hindu In School's 32-page weekender has received an honourable mention at the International News Media Association's (INMA) 2023 Global Media Awards in New York.

The weekender was in the final list under the National Brands: Best Subscription Niche Product category which recognised products that consistently engaged with subscribers. *The Hindu In School*'s priority over the past year has been to make the weekender interesting to children tired of online learning.

By featuring visual essays and creative activities, it helped them cope with the transition to the offline mode. Five special issues were also brought out on various themes.

"As key contributors to the field of education, The Hindu Group always finds ways to keep children meaningfully engaged and their interests thriving. Such milestones give us more encouragement, hope and the drive to meet and exceed expectations of our young audience," said Sridhar Aranala, vice-president, sales and distribution, The Hindu Group.

This year, the INMA Awards attracted 775 entries from newspapers, magazines, television and radio in 40 countries.

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Row over contraceptives in kits gifted to newly-weds

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

A political controversy was triggered in Madhya Pradesh after condoms and birth control pills found in make-up kits gifted to brides during a mass marriage programme under a government scheme in Jhabua district on Monday.

Earlier, as many as 296 couples tied the knot under the Mukhyamantri Kanya Vivah/Nikah Yojana, and when the make-up boxes/kits gifted to the newly married brides were opened, packets of condoms and birth-control pills were found alongside the make-up products.

Attacking the government, the Congress said this was an insult to both women and tribals.

BJP spokesperson Neha Bagga said the Nayi Pahal kits that carry the contraceptives are given to newly-weds as part of guidelines of the National Health Mission for educating them about family planning.

Fresh excavation reveals pre-Mauryan era signs in Delhi's Purana Qila site

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

ASI excavation site at Purana Qila. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A fresh round of excavations at the site of Delhi's Purana Qila (Old Fort) have uncovered evidence of the continuous history of the city since the pre-Mauryan era. The findings include shards of Painted Gray Ware pottery which are usually dated to around 1200 BC to 600 BC.

Sources said that the site could host one of the accompanying events during the G-20 leadership summit in September. The Purana Qila, built by Sher Shah Suri and Mughal emperor Humayun, is believed by many to be the site of Indraprastha, as mentioned in the Mahabharat.

The new excavations have also found remains of a 900-year-old Vaikuntha Vishnu from the Rajput period, a terracotta plaque of Goddess Gaja Lakshmi from the Gupta period, the structural remains of a 2,500-year-old terracotta ring well from the Mauryan period, and a well-defined four-room complex from the Sunga-Kushan period dating back to 2,300 years ago, besides beads, seals, copper coins and a bone needle.

Trade centre

"More than 136 coins and 35 seals have been discovered from a small excavated area, indicating the site's pivotal role as a centre for trade activities," Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy, who visited the excavation site on Tuesday, said. This was the third round of excavations at the site, beginning from January. Earlier excavations had been carried out in 2013-14 and 2017-18.

These efforts have revealed nine cultural levels, representing different historical periods, including pre-Mauryan, Mauryan, Sunga, Kushana, Gupta, post-Gupta, Rajput, Sultanate, and Mughal.

The Culture Minister said that the Purana Qila would soon be reopened.

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(set by Karaoke)

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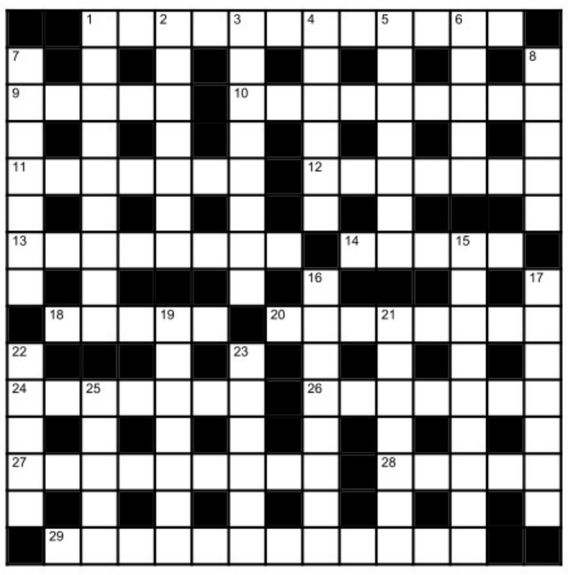

Across

1 Tummy in mess with dyspepsia essentially disturbing the process of neutralising foreign bodies (6,6)
9 Almost all break the record (5)
10 What you do on a chess board to get cracking? (4,1,4)
11 Opposing a gossip about popular model (7)
12 Setter calls son in difficulty (2,1,4)
13 Makes off with billion in a moment breaking electronic surveillance initially (8)
14 Doorkeepers ignore heroin addicts (5)
18 Lukewarm food getting putrid basically is rejected (5)
20 Ram lives here? (5-3)
24 Male goat's head butchered to cook porridge (7)
26 See model drowning in drinks with senator (7)
27 He works casually - transfer on hold on review (4-5)
28 Cement in free market finally moves to West (5)
29 Excited state, perhaps? (5,7)

Down

1 I don't know the answer embarrassingly at times about British English (2,5,2)
2 Make ends meet people to get record of past events (7)
3 To some extent, enema to determine roundworm (8)
4 Indian state reportedly fed up with North Korean statesman (6)
5 Egyptian Beetles injure sailors (7)
6 Right away cancel summon to spirit (5)
7 It's a game played in court when prison detains American on bail essentially (3,4)
8 Cycle part poetry (5)
15 Upset maid admits crime over stock again (9)
16 Roasted meat from lamb - Half trimmed and moderately hot, eat heartily (8)
17 Maybe liqueur ingredient causes new disease eliminating drinkers finally (7)
19 Drink that killed duck abruptly (4,3)
21 Force out past ceasefire ignoring Conservative for Democrat (7)
22 Shoots old for new serials (5)
23 Keep quiet and extremely careful. Wild animal is around (4,2)
25 Some prophet or a telepath countered fortune-teller (5)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Mahaperiyava's message

There are a few mahans on earth whose very name brings one unlimited joy and immeasurable inner peace. As soon as one thinks of such a great saint, the mind is rid of impurities, our thoughts become clear and our confusions vanish. Think of Sri Chandrasekhara Mahaswamigal and your mind and heart are in unison, in complete inner peace, said Suchithra Balasubramanian in a discourse.

He is the one who is feted as Kali Yuga's living god. He lived his life as per the codes, norms and values – characteristics that define a mahatma. Why does the world celebrate his birth anniversary? It is because he showed us how to lead our life as per Sanatana Dharma and let Dharma guide and lead us in every aspect of life. He was the voice of god and with his inimitable quality of mercy, continues to guide us through the ups and downs of life, showing us how to navigate life's contradictions and stay truthful to the path of righteousness, thereby getting us closer to God.

It is observed in the legends that all the days and nakshatras, considered as "bad", approached the Lord and beseeched him to alleviate their status as bringers of bad omen and misfortune. The Lord acceded and thus Rama was born on Navami, Krishna was born on Ashtami and Anjaneya was born under Moola Nakshatram. Maha Periyava was likewise born in Pradhamai period .

As a just three years old, he observed a dog craving for jaggery getting its head stuck in jar. He inferred and declared that desire is the root cause of all problems humans encounter and one should be wary of the perils of it. At 13, he was made the 68th Pontiff of the Kanchi Peedam.

HONG KONG

Macau's new national security law puts curbs on political opposition

AFP

Macau's new national security law took effect, imposing wider restrictions on political opposition and civil society in the Chinese city. Macau's government said the amendments were designed to catch up with similar legislation in China and Hong Kong, with an emphasis on stepping up prevention of foreign interference. AFP

WEST BANK

Israeli civilian shot dead near the entrance to West Bank settlement

AP

An Israeli civilian was shot dead at the entrance to a Jewish settlement in the occupied West Bank. Meir Tamari, 32-years-old, was fatally wounded beside the Hermesh settlement. The Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, the armed wing of Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas's Fatah party, said it was behind the attack. AFP

BEIJING

Elon Musk meets Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang during visit

AP

Elon Musk met Foreign Minister Qin Gang in Beijing on Tuesday, as the Tesla CEO embarks on his first trip to China in more than three years. Qin and Musk discussed relations between China and the U.S., with the Qin saying the two countries should "apply the brakes in a timely manner to avoid dangerous driving". AFP

UNITED NATIONS

UN chief 'very concerned' over Uganda's harsh anti-gay law

AFP

United Nations chief Antonio Guterres said he was "very concerned" after Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni signed an anti-gay law described as among the world's harshest. "The secretary-general continues to call on all member states to uphold the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," his spokesperson said. AFP

Drones hit Moscow buildings as Kyiv struck for third day

Russia blames Ukraine for the attack and says eight drones were used in the assault of which five were downed and three disabled; Kyiv says it shot down 21 Russian drones over the capital region

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

A swarm of drones hit Moscow on Tuesday in an unprecedented attack, while Russian drones struck Kyiv for a third straight day as Ukraine gears up for a major offensive against Russian forces.

The Russian Defence Ministry blamed Kyiv for the attacks that saw three drones crash into residential buildings in Moscow.

Officials said no one was seriously injured and there was only "minor" damage to buildings. The Russian Defence Ministry said eight drones were used in the attack, adding that five of them were downed and three disabled.

Damage assessment: Police officers stand guard outside an apartment building after a drone attack in Moscow on Tuesday. AFP

Of the three that hit residential buildings, two crashed into high-rises located in Moscow's affluent southwest, while a third damaged a residential building in a suburb of the capital.

The other drones fell outside Moscow. Some of the debris was found around 15 km from President Vladimir Putin's Novo-Ogaryovo residence.

One video shared on social media showed an explosion followed by a column of smoke rising into the sky.

Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, said Kyiv had "no direct relation" to the Moscow attacks. Also on Tuesday, Ukraine said it had downed 29 out of 31 drones, mainly over the Kyiv region in the latest Russian barrage – the third on the Ukrainian capital in 24 hours.

On Monday, Russia fired a barrage of missiles at Kyiv, sending panicked residents running for shelter in an unusual daytime attack following overnight strikes.

China declined meeting with Lloyd Austin: Pentagon

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Beijing has declined a U.S. invitation for a meeting in Singapore between Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin and his Chinese counterpart Li Shangfu, the Pentagon said.

"Overnight, the PRC informed the U.S. that they have declined our early May invitation for Secretary Austin to meet with PRC Minister of National Defence Li Shangfu in Singapore this week," Pentagon spokesman Brigadier General Pat Ryder said on Monday in a statement, referring to the People's Republic of China.

"The PRC's concerning unwillingness to engage in meaningful military-to-military discussions will not diminish (the Defense Department's) commitment to seeking open lines of communication with the People's Liberation Army," he said.

Lloyd Austin

When asked about the meeting, the Chinese Foreign Ministry would not confirm that Beijing had declined the invitation.

"The U.S. should earnestly respect China's concerns of sovereignty, security and interests, immediately correct its incorrect actions, show sincerity, and create the atmosphere and conditions for China-U.S. military dialogue," spokeswoman Mao Ning told reporters.

A senior U.S. defence official described the declined invitation as "just the latest in a litany of excuses," saying that since 2021, China has "declined or failed to respond to over a dozen requests from the Department of Defence for key leader engagements, multiple requests for standing dialogues, and nearly 10 working-level engagements." Mr. Li was sanctioned by the U.S. government in 2018 for buying Russian weapons, but the Pentagon says that does not prevent Mr. Austin from conducting official business with him.

Imran Khan appears in court, submits surety bond

Press Trust of India
LAHORE

Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan on Tuesday appeared before an anti-terrorism court in four cases, including the attack on Lahore Corp Commander House, and submitted surety bonds in connection with his pre-arrest bail till June 2.

"Khan appeared before the ATC Lahore judge Ijaz Ahmad Buttar and submitted surety bonds worth PKR 100,000 each in the four terrorism cases in which he had already been given pre-arrest bail till June 2," a court official said.

His counsel also challenged the search warrants of the former premier's Lahore residence.

Keeping vigil: Polish soldiers guard a municipal building in the town of Zvecan in northern Kosovo on Tuesday. AP

NATO soldiers on guard in Kosovo Serb town after clashes

Reuters
ZVECAN

Dozens of NATO troops secured a municipal building in the Kosovo town of Zvecan on Tuesday, a day after 30 NATO soldiers and 52 Serb protesters were injured in clashes that EU and NATO officials said were unacceptable as they urged calm.

Russia said on Tuesday "decisive steps" were needed to de-escalate tensions in Kosovo.

"We call on the West to finally silence its false propaganda and stop blaming incidents in Kosovo on Serbs," Russia's Foreign Ministry said.

Unrest in the region has intensified since ethnic Albanian mayors took office in northern Kosovo's Serb-majority area after April elections the Serbs boycotted, a move that led the U.S. and its allies to rebuke Pristina on Friday.

Theranos founder Elizabeth Holmes begins prison term

Associated Press
BRYAN

Theranos founder Elizabeth Holmes entered Texas prison where she could spend the next 11 years for overseeing a blood-testing hoax that became a parable about greed and hubris in Silicon Valley.

Holmes, 39, on Tuesday entered a federal women's prison camp located in Bryan, Texas – where the federal judge who sentenced Holmes in November recommended she be incarcerated. The minimum-security facility is about 95 miles northwest of Houston, where Holmes grew up aspiring to become a technology visionary along the lines of Apple co-founder Steve Jobs.

Elizabeth Holmes

Two children

Holmes is leaving behind two young children – a son born in July 2021 a few weeks before the start of her trial and a 3-month old daughter who was conceived after a jury convicted her on four felony counts of fraud and conspiracy in January 2022.

Holmes was free on bail up until Tuesday, most recently living in the San Diego area with the children's father, William "Billy" Evans. The couple met in 2017 around the same time Holmes was under investigation for the collapse of Theranos, a startup she founded after dropping out of Stanford University when she was just 19.

Chinese mission with first civilian reaches space

Agence France-Presse
JIUQUAN

China sent three astronauts to its Tiangong space station on Tuesday, putting a civilian into orbit for the first time as it pursues plans to send a crewed mission to the Moon by 2030.

The world's second-largest economy has invested billions of dollars in its military-run space programme in a push to catch up with the United States and Russia.

The Shenzhou-16 crew took off atop a Long March 2F rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China at 9:31 a.m. (0301 IMT). They docked at the space station's Tianhe core module on Tuesday afternoon, more than six hours after taking off.

First step: Gui Haichao, left, Zhu Yangzhu, centre, and Jing Haipeng at the seeing-off ceremony in Gansu province on Tuesday. AFP

The launch was a "complete success" and the "astronauts are in good condition", Zou Lipeng, director of the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center said.

Leading its crew is commander Jing Haipeng on his fourth mission, as well as engineer Zhu Yangzhu and Beihang University professor Gui Haichao, the first Chinese civilian in space.

China was the third country to put humans in orbit and Tiangong is the crown jewel of its space programme, which has also landed robotic rovers on Mars and the Moon.

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Advertisement for the Post of Vice-Chancellor
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Applications are invited in duplicate from eligible candidates for filling up the post of Vice-Chancellor, Nava Nalanda Mahavihara (NNM), Nalanda, Bihar, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India. The eligibility criteria and other details are given below. The application form and other details can also be downloaded from the website of Nava Nalanda Mahavihara : www.nnm.ac.in and that of Ministry of Culture: www.Indiaculture.nic.in

1.	Name of the post	Vice-Chancellor
2.	Number of post	One
3.	Mode of Recruitment	Deputation/Short Term Contract
4.	Educational and other qualifications	**Deputation** The Vice Chancellor shall be a whole time salaried officer of Institution Deemed to be University and shall be appointed by the Visitor/chancellor from a panel of three names suggested by a Search cum Selection Committee. Person of the highest level of competence, integrity, moral and institutional commitment shall be appointed as Vice Chancellor. The Vice Chancellor to be appointed shall be a distinguished academician with a minimum of ten years of experience as Professor in a University system or ten years of experience in an equivalent position in reputed research and /or academic administrative organization. Desirable Qualification i. Doctorate Degree in Buddhist Studies/ Buddhist Philosophy/Pali from a recognized university ii. Knowledge and fluency in written and spoken Hindi and English Languages. iii. Evidence of outstanding research and published works in national/ international journals of repute or as well acknowledged books in the field of Buddhist Studies. Upper age limit for applying: Not exceeding 55 years on the closing date of receipt of applications **Short Term contract:** Qualification: As prescribed for deputation Upper age limit for applying: Not exceeding 65 years. Note: i. The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of 5 years. ii. He shall be eligible for a second term provided that in no case shall he/she hold office beyond the age of seventy years. iii. Notwithstanding the expiry of the period of 5 years, he/she may continue in office for not more than six months or till his/her successor is appointed and the latter assumes office, whichever, is earlier. iv. The Chancellor shall appoint the Vice Chancellor out of a panel of three names recommended by the Search-cum-Selection Committee. Thereafter, the proposal will be sent to ACC for approval. v. The period of deputation including the period of deputation in any other ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organisation / department of the Central Government shall ordinarily not exceed 5 years.
5.	Last Date	Duly filled in applications (in duplicate) complete in all respect, forwarded through proper channel by the concerned organisation in case of departmental candidate should reach the Under Secretary, BTI, Room No. 209, 2nd Floor, Puratatva Bhawan, GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi within 45 days from the date of publication of advertisement for this post in the Employment News/ Rozargar Samachar. **In case of Deputation, applications not received through the proper channel will be summarily rejected.**

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INBRIEF

Adani Transmission Q4 net jumps 85% on higher income

Adani Transmission Ltd. (ATL) has posted an 85.48% jump in consolidated net profit to ₹439.60 crore during the March-ended quarter, helped by higher income. Total income increased to ₹3,494.84 crore from ₹3,165.35 crore in the year-earlier period. For FY23, the net profit rose to ₹1,280.60 crore from ₹1,235.75 crore recorded in FY22. Total income during the entire fiscal stood at ₹13,840.46 crore, up from ₹11,861.47 crore in FY22. PTI

Investments in P-notes hits 4-month high of ₹95,911 crore

Investment in the Indian capital markets through participatory notes (P-notes) has risen in the past two months, with the number reaching ₹95,911 crore in April-end, driven by the country's robust economic growth. This was the highest level since November 2022, when the investment stood at ₹96,292 crore. P-notes are issued by foreign portfolio investors to overseas investors who wish to be part of the Indian stock markets without directly registering themselves. PTI

Mining major NMDC slashes prices of lump ore, fines

Iron-ore producer NMDC has reduced the price of lump ore by ₹300 a tonne and that of fines by ₹450 for the same quantity with effect from May 29. The new per-tonne price is ₹3,900 for lump ore and ₹3,560 for fines, NMDC said on Tuesday. It had previously revised the prices on April 29 to ₹4,200 for lump ore and ₹4,010 for fines. Iron ore is a key raw material for steel production and any change in the prices is indicative of the demand for the end product.

India's growth momentum likely to sustain in FY24: RBI

The central bank however reiterated the need for structural reforms amid slowing global growth and geopolitical tensions; India is expected to have recorded 7% growth in real GDP in 2022-23

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

India's growth momentum is likely to sustain in 2023-24 in an atmosphere of easing inflationary pressures, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said in its Annual Report 2022-23.

The central bank noted that the economy will be supported by sound macroeconomic policies, softer commodity prices, a robust financial sector, and new growth opportunities stemming from global realignment of supply chains.

However, it said that slowing global growth, protracted geopolitical tensions and a possible upsurge in financial market volatility following new stress events in the global financial system could pose downside risks to growth.

"It is important, therefore, to sustain structural reforms to improve India's medium-term growth potential," the central bank said in the report.

Amid strong global headwinds, the Indian economy is expected to have grown by 7% in real GDP in 2022-23, the RBI said. Agriculture and allied activities were resilient in FY23, with sectoral gross value added (GVA) seen posting growth of 3.3%, it said.

Optimistic outlook

The RBI expects the pace of India's growth to sustain in FY24 as inflationary pressures ease and a host of macroeconomic tailwinds support the economy

- Sound macroeconomic policies, softer commodity prices and realignment of supply chains are expected to favour growth this year
- Slowing global growth, protracted geopolitical tensions and an upsurge in financial market volatility could, however, play spoilsport
- The RBI emphasised the need for structural reforms to sustain the economy's growth momentum in the medium-term

Future oil refineries could be smaller: Puri

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Oil minister Hardeep Singh Puri said on Tuesday new refineries in the country are expected to have smaller capacities in the future, even as India plans to raise its annual refining capacity to 450 million tonnes from the current capacity of about 250 million tonnes.

The new refineries could be of 20 million tonnes a year capacity, Mr. Puri said at an event. The minister did not give a timeline for the annual refining capacity expansion.

'Bank notes grew in FY23, fake notes slid'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The value and volume of banknotes in circulation rose by 7.8% and 4.4%, respectively, during 2022-23 as compared with 9.9% and 5.0%, respectively, during 2021-22, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) noted in its Annual Report.

In value terms, the share of `₹500' and `₹2000' banknotes together accounted for 87.9% of the total value of banknotes in circulation as on March 31, 2023, as compared with 87.1% as on March 31, 2022.

In volume terms, ₹500 denomination constituted the highest share at 37.9%, followed by ₹10 banknotes which constituted 19.2% of the notes in circulation as on March 31, the RBI said.

A total of 2,25,769 fake currency notes were found both by the RBI and other commercial banks in FY23, the central bank noted. This was lower than the 2,30,971 units of fake notes found in the previous year.

"Compared to the previous year, there was an increase of 8.4% and 14.4% in the counterfeit notes... in the denominations of ₹20 and ₹500 (new design), respectively." Counterfeits of ₹100 and ₹2000 fell.

DGCA stalls lessors' plea to reclaim Go First planes

Reuters
NEW DELHI

India's aviation watchdog has put on hold requests from lessors to repossess planes from airline Go First as the carrier's bankruptcy process imposes a freeze on assets which supersedes such requests, it said in a court filing.

Go Airlines (India) Ltd. had filed for bankruptcy protection blaming its financial troubles on the grounding of about half its 54 Airbus A320neos due to "faulty" Pratt & Whitney engines.

HTM bond sales to hurt banks, but not as badly as in U.S.: Moody's

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Banks in countries such as India, where lenders hold a significant chunk of government securities till maturity, could face large losses owing to tightening monetary policy, but the lesser extent of interest rate increases in the Asia-Pacific region may help curb such losses, Moody's Investors Service said.

"In Bangladesh, China, India, Mongolia, the Philippines, and Taiwan, banks hold sizable volumes of HTM (held to maturity) securities. They are carried at amortisation costs, without reflecting their current market values, unless a bank decides to sell them," the firm said on Tuesday.

Such securities' sales could lead to "a large loss if their current market values are substantially lower than their acquisition costs", Moody's cautioned, but noted it did not expect losses to be "significant because increases in interest rates... have been less significant and less rapid than to those in the U.S.".

Noting that most HTM bond holdings at banks in these countries were of domestic government securities that banks could use for repos with central banks, the rating firm said these banks generally had substantial buffers against risks from sudden shifts in investor sentiment, with liquid assets exceeding market borrowings in most banking systems.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	62,969	0.20
US Dollar	82.67	-0.05
Gold	59,945	-0.03
Brent oil	73.77	-3.78

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2496.45	-37.60
Adani Ports	734.05	-3.45
Apollo Hosp	4599.15	-41.30
Asian Paints	3144.40	7.00
Axis Bank	937.45	7.65
Bajaj Auto	4591.90	-26.60
Bajaj Finserv	1465.85	16.30
Bajaj Finance	7005.80	73.75
Bharti Airtel	818.45	-2.80
BPCL	360.40	-1.30
Britannia Ind	4573.25	-2.00
Cipla	959.85	3.60
Coal India	244.30	-1.80
Divis Lab	3458.00	-19.85
Dr Reddys Lab	4518.90	-37.35
Eicher Motors	3678.35	-33.10
Grasim Ind	1725.15	11.85
HCL Tech	1135.85	9.65
HDFC	2693.35	2.80
HDFC Bank	1636.75	1.25
HDFC Life	585.15	6.10
Hero MotoCorp	2779.15	2.25
Hindalco	413.10	-6.80
Hind Unilever	2656.55	6.25
ICICI Bank	949.95	1.80
IndusInd Bank	1293.25	8.30
Infosys	1323.85	9.45
ITC	449.90	0.80
JSW Steel	704.60	2.40
Kotak Bank	1974.70	21.50
L&T	2210.80	-13.75
M&M	1328.45	-1.70
Maruti Suzuki	9383.35	49.85
NestleIndia	21574.45	-155.00
NTPC	176.80	0.50
ONGC	158.85	-0.15
PowerGrid Corp	235.10	0.60
Reliance Ind	2519.95	-0.65
SBI Life	1215.90	-2.20
State Bank	592.80	-2.20
Sun Pharma	959.60	-8.85
TataConsumerProduct	790.90	-3.35
Tata Motors	518.80	-2.65
Tata Steel	107.05	-1.40
TCS	3316.20	-4.15
Tech Mahindra	1098.40	-15.65
Titan	2802.50	-9.75
UltraTech Cement	7901.95	61.40
UPL	689.05	-0.95
Wipro	402.50	2.70

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on May 30

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.51	82.83
Euro	88.57	88.92
British Pound	102.53	102.93
Japanese Yen (100)	58.85	59.08
Chinese Yuan	11.66	11.71
Swiss Franc	91.49	91.85
Singapore Dollar	61.06	61.31
Canadian Dollar	60.76	61.02
Malaysian Ringitt	17.93	18.01
Australian Dollar	53.99	54.20

Source:Indian Bank

Operating environment to remain volatile: HUL

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Leading FMCG maker HUL expects the operating environment to remain volatile with global slowdown risks and weather-related uncertainty although price increases will tail off.

In its annual report for 2022-23, the company said it anticipated a recovery in market volume gradually as consumption habits readjust with a lag.

"In the near term, the operating environment is expected to remain volatile with global slowdown risks and weather-related uncertainty," the company said.

Hardening interest rates, geopolitical risks impacting FDI inflows: DPIIT Secretary

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Hardening interest rates globally and worsening geopolitical situation had impacted foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows into India in 2022-23, a top government official said.

Secretary of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Rajesh Kumar Singh said that the department would analyse the reasons for the contraction in FDI in five important sectors like computer hardware and software; construction, education, automobiles and metallurgical industries.

> It is not as if our FDI policies have become protectionist. On the contrary, we have kept it very, very, liberal

'Appetite may be less'

"I cannot think of any other reason. It is not as if our FDI policies have become protectionist. On the contrary, we have kept it very, very, liberal... The decline is combination of hardening of interest rates along with geopolitical risks going up around the world. In general the appetite may be less," Mr. Singh told PTI in an interview.

These five sectors had a share of $30 billion in total FDI in 2021-22 and in the last fiscal year, overseas inflows had almost halved.

"Why exactly in those sectors (FDI) has come down... we will have to analyse," he added.

FDI equity inflows declined by 22% to $46 billion in 2022-23. Investments during the January-March quarter plunged by 40.5% to $9.28 billion.

EID Parry Q4 profit slumps 64% to ₹83 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

EID Parry India Ltd. reported a 64% slump in standalone net profit for the March quarter to ₹83 crore as the company incurred a loss of ₹155 crore on investment in subsidiaries and joint ventures.

Revenue from operations declined by 12% to ₹807 crore, the sugar major of the Murugappa Group said in a filing. Overall cane crushed during the year rose to 51.8 lakh tonnes (50.2 lakh tonnes the previous year). Total sugar sales soared to 5.19 lakh tonnes, from 4.95 lakh tonnes.

"The operating profit of the standalone sugar division was better than the previous year on account of better sales realisation and increased domestic sales volume," said the company's MD S. Suresh.

S. Suresh

"Despite increase in interest rates, our effective cash management and cash generated from operations resulted in reduced finance cost," he added.

The board recommended a second interim dividend of ₹4 per share.

Apollo Hospitals Q4 net profit rises 50%

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The board of directors has declared a final dividend of ₹9 per share

Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd. (AHEL) reported consolidated net profit for the fourth-quarter ended March rose 50% year-on-year to ₹146 crore.

The net profit of Healthcare Services (HCS) rose 46% year-on-year to ₹257 crore while Apollo Health & Lifestyle Ltd. (AHLL) posted a net loss of ₹23 crore. Apollo HealthCo. (AHL) logged a net loss of ₹89 crore, the hospital major said in a statement.

Revenue from operations grew by 21% to ₹4,302 crore of which HCS accounted for ₹2,195 crore, AHLL ₹309 crore and AHL ₹1,799 crore.

The gross merchandise value of Apollo 24/7 stood at ₹593 crore.

"The results of AHLL are not comparable with the previous year as it included COVID-related revenues, else like for like growth was 23%," said Group CFO Krishnan Akhileswaran.

According to him, revenue from diagnostic business is expected to touch ₹500 crore this fiscal from ₹383 crore. Besides, the company is focused on improving the occupancy level in mature hospitals from 65% to 70%. The board recommended final dividend of ₹9/share.

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UBN	Last Date of Submission and time	Subject
SDS2324GLOB00015	05.06.2023 up to 2.00 pm	Supply of Bajra CS/TL seeds
SDS2324GLRC00014	05.06.2023 up to 13.00 Noon	Supply of Biofertilizer (Azotobacter, P.S.B. & Rhizobium) in powdered form(250gm)
SDS2324GLOB00013	05.06.2023 up to 2.00 pm	Supply of FS Soybean Seeds

Raj.Samwad/C/23/3183 Managing Director

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Civil Engineering Department, Central Office, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru - 560027.
No.BMTC/CO/CE/EE/198-200/2023-24 Dated: 25.05.2023

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 2, 3 & 4/2023-24

Tender is invited for the works of **(1) "Premises and Facilities Management services for Kalasipalya Bus station, Bengaluru".** EMD: **Rs. 3,60,000/-** and **(2) Annual maintenance works at Domlur TTMC Bengaluru for the period from 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024 (12 months) (Call-3)** - Amount put to tender : **Rs. 20.21 Lakhs** and EMD: **Rs. 50,000 /-** and **(3) Annual maintenance works at Yeshawanthapura TTMC Bengaluru for the period from 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024 (12 months) (Call-3)** - Amount put to tender : Rs. **23.47 Lakhs** and EMD: **Rs. 50,000 /-.** Participating bidders will have to upload all informations, documents and rates etc in e-procurement website only. i.**e. https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** No documents will be accepted in person physically. (1) Last date for receipt of tenders:- **16.06.2023** Date of opening of tender :- **19.06.2023.** (2) Any other information required can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer during working hours or through website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, BMTC.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owners: **Smt.Sarojamma** W/o late Krishnareddy and her children (i) **Smt.Renuka,** (ii) **Sri.Lokesh,** (iii) **Smt.Sudha** and (iv) **Sri.Nagaraju,** residing at Kuguru Village, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District.

If any person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule property by the aforesaid owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural dry land bearing Sy.No.29/3, measuring 2 Acres 14 Guntas, situated at Chikkanahalli-Kamanahalli Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban Districtand bounded on:

East by : Land of Akkalareddy
West by : Land of C.Venkatswamaiah
North by : Land of Muniyappa and Madappanahalli Village Boundary
South by : Remaining portion of the same survey number owned by Munireddy

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that, our Client, Mrs. Sudha Murali aged about 64 years residing at 379, 10th B Main, F Block, Sahakara Nagar Bengaluru, is the owner, in possession, occupation and enjoyment of all the piece and parcel of the property at No. 304, Block A-III, Tower #6, measuring 2590 sq ft carpet area on 3rd Floor of the Building knowns as "White House" of Shriram Properties Ltd at R.T Nagar, Bengaluru 560 032.

Our Client had availed financial assistance from ICICI Bank in nature of Home loan under the Agreement dated 31.03.2003 and the Originals sale deed bearing No. 1743/03/04 dated 11.07.2003 executed by and between Shriram Properties and our Client Deposit was deposited with ICICI Bank.

Our Client paid all the outstanding sums under the aforesaid loan term, however, it was intimated to our Client that the ICICI Bank has misplaced/lost the Original title documents despite all care and diligence taken by ICICI Bank. ICICI Bank lodged the FIR with N.M Joshi Road Police Station at Mumbai as noted down in their missing documents register under serial no 1706 dated 02.09.2011. Further, the ICICI Bank has also caused a public notice published on 13.09.2011 in Times of India and Vijaya Karnataka news paper informing public at large about misplacement/loss of Title Deeds and inviting any objections from public at large. However, no claims were received by the ICICI Bank and thereafter, ICICI Bank has recreated the title deeds of the subject property and ICICI Bank has executed an indemnity bond dated 01.11.2011 in favour of our Client.

Based on the said facts and indemnity bonds executed by the ICICI Bank, our Client is looking to created third party rights over the said Property.

If any person/s, entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) has or claims any right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation, or demand of any nature in or upon the our Client or any of them and/or upon the Property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details of the right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation, or demand made together with supporting documents within 30 days from the date of this notice, failing which such claim shall be considered to have been waived and/ or given up and our client shall be entitled to complete the sale in respect of the Property. Objections and/or claims received after the expiry of the period stipulated above shall neither be entertained nor be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Property Unit No. WH 256 in Block No. A -III in Tower 6 on 3rd Floor Apartment No. 304 in the building measuring 240.70 Sq.Mt (approx.) (2590 Sq.ft) of saleable area containing 3 bed rooms with the rights to parking car in car parking space No. P-0604 in basement contained in complex know as "White House" to be constructed on the Schedule 'A' property as per agreed specifications. And 91.07 Sq.mt (980 Sq.Ft) of undivided right title and interest in Schedule 'A' property.

Sushal Tiwari N
Genesis Law Partners
No. 307, 3rd Floor, 15/16, House of Lords,
St. Marks Road, Bengaluru 560 001.
Bengaluru Date : 31/05/2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client M/s. Vanshika Flowers Private Limited has negotiated to purchase the Property scheduled below from its owners.

Objections /claims if any to the proposed transaction of sale or in respect of below Schedule Properties may be lodged with the undersigned in writing along with documentary proof within 10 days from hereof, failing which our client shall finalise the transaction. Objections received beyond the said period shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

Item No.1:
Owner Name: Nanjundaiah B. S/o. Basappa
Property: Commercially converted Land in Sy. No.48, Property No.275 (as per Thornahalli Gram Panchayath Record) RDPR Property No.151900801800520577, vide conversion order bearing No.ALN.SR/95-96-97 dated 03.02.1997, extending over 01 Acre 20 Guntas(6070.28 Sq. Mtrs.) Situated at Bellavi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mallur Taluk, Kolar District and bounded as East by: Madivala boundary; West by: Land belonging to Yellappa ; North by: Land belonging to Krishnappa and South by : Madivala boundary.

Item No.2:
Owner Name: Yellappa @ K.Yellappa S/o. Late Kenchappa
Property: Commercially converted Land in Sy. No.49, Property No.274 (as per Thornahalli Gram Panchayath Record) RDPR Property No.151900801800520576, vide conversion order bearing No.ALN.SR/127-92-93 dated 01.10.1992, extending over 02 Acres 20 Guntas (10117.14 Sq. Mtrs.) Situated at Bellavi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mallur Taluk, Kolar District and bounded as East by: Land belonging to Nanjundaiah; West by:Hedaginabele boundary; North by : Land in Sy.No.49 of Bellavi Village and South by :Madivala boundary.

Item No.3:
Owner Name: Narayanaswamy D. S/o. Late Dasappa & Others
Property: Commercially converted Land in Sy. No.62, Property No.218 (as per Thornahalli Gram Panchayath Record) RDPR Property No.151900801800620138, vide conversion order bearing No.ALN.124/92-93 dated 01.10.1992, extending over 02 Acres (8093.71Sq. Mtrs.) Situated at Hedaginabele Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mallur Taluk, Kolar District and bounded as East by : Land belonging to Bellavi Yellappa; West by : Land belonging to Krishnappa; North by Bellavi Village boundary and South by : Madivala boundary.

Item No.4:
Owner Name: Fairoz Khan S/o. Late Basha
Property: Agriculture Land in Sy. No.223, extending over 0-14 Gutnas, Situated at Madivala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mallur Taluk, Kolar District and bounded as East by : Mallur to Kolar Highway; West by : Land in Sy.No.48 of Bellavi Village; North by : Land in Sy.No.47 of Madivala Village and South by: Land in Sy.No.222 and 47 of Madivala Village.

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How the old found sanctuary and the new blossomed under CSK umbrella

The M.S. Dhoni-Stephen Fleming partnership, that has been in place since 2009, provided the perfect environment for a successful title run

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N. Sudarshan
AHMEDABAD

Resplendent yellow: Dhoni's Super Kings had the final say in a thrilling summit clash against Hardik's Titans on Monday. K.R. DEEPAK

"Football is a simple game: 22 men chase a ball for 90 minutes and at the end, the Germans always win," English footballer Gary Lineker once said. Indian Premier League cricket and Chennai Super Kings come very close.

Injuries, bad form, rotten luck... nothing seemingly dims the chances of M.S. Dhoni & Co. And unlike the straightjacketed Germans of yore clothed in black and white, the men from Chennai do it with panache and more than a dash of resplendent yellow.

The five-wicket triumph in the final over Gujarat Titans at the Narendra Modi Stadium in the wee hours of Tuesday best embodied this.

After a bad bowling and fielding performance, CSK seemed down and out as GT raked up a record 214-run total. And with just 22 needed from 15 balls to chase down the rain-shortened 171-run target (15 overs), CSK saw Mohammed Shami and Mohit bowl 13 consecutive balls without conceding a boundary.

However, 'Rockstar' Ravindra Jadeja clubbed Mohit Sharma for a six and four off the last two balls to bring home a fifth IPL title.

While the result wasn't a surprise, the season was unlike any for CSK. It first had to banish the painful memories from last year when it finished ninth; Jadeja had to be successfully re-integrated after the captaincy fiasco in 2022 and there were injuries galore, including to its top players in Ben Stokes, Deepak Chahar and even Dhoni. And in a departure from the past, it lost three of its seven league games at fortress Chepauk.

Yet, CSK devised a way, learning from the tough lessons at home and turning itself into a better-rounded side on the road. Under the umbrella leadership of Dhoni and head coach Stephen Fleming - in place since 2009 - the old hands found sanctuary while the new ones blossomed.

If Jadeja returned reinvigorated, Chahar was made to feel important and given the confidence to play even at "80%". Devon Conway and Ruturaj Gaikwad rampaged attacks at the top; Shivam Dube evolved into a reliable power-hitter; Tushar Deshpande, who had played just seven IPL matches, played 16 this edition and Matheesha Pathirana was plucked out of thin air, literally.

The way CSK brought Ajinkya Rahane back to life is a great example of top-notch man-management. When the game had seemingly moved past him, the former India skipper played 14 matches, scoring 326 runs at a strike-rate of 172.49, including a crucial 13-ball 27 in the final.

"We got rid of the tag of him being the guy whom you bat around," said Fleming. "That had hung over his head a bit too much. He wasn't in our initial thoughts, but the win against Mumbai was one of our defining wins (by seven wkts) and he was the catalyst behind that (27-ball 61). From there, he was unwavering and positive."

The victorious season has also helped CSK identify a winning core. Ambati Rayudu, who in his last game for CSK played a neat cameo (19, 8b), will be sorely missed and the club will eventually have to prepare for Dhoni's retirement. But with a title in the bag, CSK will look ahead with confidence.

"Winning one year and then losing your team is quite an emotional experience," Fleming said, reminiscing the 2021 triumph and the low point of 2022.

"Last year we took a bit of time, just introducing players the CSK way and getting them accustomed to the IPL. Emotionally we were a bit low. [But] this time we had energy around. "It is very hard to have back-to-back [success]. What you can hope to do is maximise when you have the squad, because in a year's time, it may all change. It is something we have been in the thereabouts [of], and something that Gujarat [Titans] have also done."

SCOREBOARD

GUJARAT TITANS
Wriddhiman Saha c Dhoni b Deepak Chahar 54 *(39b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Shubman Gill st. Dhoni b Jadeja 39 *(20b, 7x4)*, B. Sai Sudharsan lbw b Pathirana 96 *(47b, 8x4, 6x6)*, Hardik Pandya (not out) 21 *(12b, 2x6)*, Rashid Khan c Ruturaj b Pathirana 0 *(2b)*; Extras (b-1, lb-1, w-2): 4; Total (for four wkts. in 20 overs): 214.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-67 (Gill, 6.6 overs), 2-131 (Saha, 13.6), 3-212 (Sudharsan, 19.3), 4-214 (Rashid, 19.6).

SUPER KINGS BOWLING
Deepak Chahar 4-0-38-1, Deshpande 4-0-56-0, Theekshana 4-0-36-0, Jadeja 4-0-38-1, Pathirana 4-0-44-2.

CHENNAI SUPER KINGS (Revised target: 171 in 15 overs)
Ruturaj Gaikwad c Rashid b Noor 26 *(16b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Devon Conway c Mohit b Noor 47 *(25b, 4x4, 2x6)*, Shivam Dube **(Impact Player in place of Pathirana)** (not out) 32 *(21b, 2x6)*, Ajinkya Rahane c Vijay Shankar b Mohit 27 *(13b, 2x4, 2x6)*, Ambati Rayudu c & b Mohit 19 *(8b, 1x4, 2x6)*, M.S. Dhoni c Miller b Mohit 0 *(1b)*, Ravindra Jadeja (not out) 15 *(6b, 1x4, 1x6)*; Extras (lb-1, w-4): 5; Total (for five wkts. in 15 overs): 171.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-74 (Ruturaj, 6.3 overs), 2-78 (Conway, 6.6), 3-117 (Rahane, 10.5), 4-149 (Rayudu, 12.4), 5-149 (Dhoni, 12.5).

TITANS BOWLING
Shami 3-0-29-0, Hardik 1-0-14-0, Rashid 3-0-44-0, Noor 3-0-17-2, Little **(Impact Player in place of Sudharsan)** 2-0-30-0, Mohit 3-0-36-3.

Toss: CSK; **PoM:** Conway.
Super Kings won by five wickets off the final delivery (DLS method).

Dhoni keen to pad up for one more season as a gift for the fans

Charismatic: Dhoni received massive support from the crowd at every venue Super Kings played. K.R. DEEPAK

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Every indication pointed towards the fact that the 2023 IPL will be M.S. Dhoni's Last Dance. But much to the delight of the fans, the Chennai Super Kings skipper said he will return to the IPL next year. "If you circumstantially see, it's the best time to announce retirement. The easy thing for me to say is thank you and retire," said Dhoni, after Super Kings sealed its fifth title.

"But the hard thing to do is to work hard for nine months and try to play one more IPL season. . But for the amount of love I have received from CSK fans it would be a gift for them to play one more season," he added.

Speaking about the rousing reception he has received throughout the year, Dhoni said, "You do get emotional, the first game at CSK everyone was chanting my name. My eyes were full of water, I needed to take some time off in the dugout."

It will be good to come back and play whatever I can."

Super Kings of IPL

Season	Champion
2008	Rajasthan Royals
2009	Deccan Chargers
2010	Chennai Super Kings
2011	Chennai Super Kings
2012	Kolkata Knight Riders
2013	Mumbai Indians
2014	Kolkata Knight Riders
2015	Mumbai Indians
2016	Sunrisers Hyderabad
2017	Mumbai Indians
2018	Chennai Super Kings
2019	Mumbai Indians
2020	Mumbai Indians
2021	Chennai Super Kings
2022	Gujarat Titans
2023	Chennai Super Kings

Redemption well and truly complete for Super Kings' trusted lieutenant

Tears of joy: Jadeja is being lifted by a welled-up Dhoni as they celebrate Super Kings' fifth crown. K.R. DEEPAK

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

It has been a tough two years for Ravindra Jadeja in the IPL. After being anointed captain of Chennai Super Kings last year, the all-rounder saw the job taken away midway through the season after the team lost six of its eight matches.

This season, the 34-year-old had to endure something no elite athlete wants to. For the first 15 games, every time Jadeja walked out to bat, the crowd – even at CSK's home ground (MAC Stadium) – rooted for his dismissal and wanted M.S. Dhoni to walk out to bat.

But when the trophy seemed to be slipping away from the Men in Yellow – they needed 10 runs off two balls – the 'Rockstar' from Rajkot smashed a six and a four, setting off on a triumphant run to the Super Kings dugout.

One of the most defining images of the night was a welled-up Dhoni – someone who seldom lets emotions get the better of him – hugging and lifting his trusted lieutenant. The moment conveyed much more than the joy of winning the title for the fifth time.

The rumour mills were abuzz that Jadeja was miffed when the captaincy was taken away from him and there were reports of a friction with Dhoni too. Viewed in that light, the Jadeja-Dhoni moment carried a lot of significance. "I'd like to dedicate this win to a special member of the – M.S. Dhoni," Jadeja said.

But it has not been smooth sailing this year. Despite shining on the field – he had three Player-of-the-Match awards – Jadeja had been cryptic and, at times, open about his predicament, giving a feeling of not being loved enough.

After receiving an award for the Most Valuable Player, he took a dig at his detractors, tweeting, "Upstox knows but some fans don't." However, in the final, Jadeja ensured he had the last word, shining with bat and ball. On a day when both teams scored at nearly 11 an over, Jadeja returned figures of one for 38 before delivering the final blow.

The next time Jadeja steps out to bat in Chepauk – even if the player with the No. 7 jersey is padded up – the crowd will, and should, be more appreciative of the one sporting No. 8.

The season's awards

Orange Cap: Shubman Gill (**890 runs** in 17 matches)

Purple Cap: Mohammed Shami (**28 wickets** in 17 matches)

Emerging player: Yashasvi Jaiswal

Super Striker: Glenn Maxwell (strike-rate: **183.48**)

Most Valuable Player: Gill

Game-changer: Gill

Fairplay: Delhi Capitals

Most fours: Gill (**85**)

Longest six: Faf du Plessis (**115m**)

Best pitch and ground: Eden Gardens and Wankhede Stadium

SHUBMAN GILL

MOHAMMED SHAMI

The final-over drama

RUNS NEEDED	14.1	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.5	14.6
13	0	1	1	1	6	4

Batters: Dube and Jadeja; **Bowler:** Mohit

> They say there are no fairytales in sport but that was one. It's been a difficult 18 months. MS has been very supportive, proactive in getting him up there
>
> **FLEMING** on Jadeja

MAIDEN WIN

Raina's heroics drive the Super Kings' first triumph

K.R. DEEPAK

Suresh Raina emerged the hero in Chennai Super Kings' maiden title win over Mumbai Indians with an all-round show. He was the highest run-scorer in the game with 57 runs and also took the wicket of Harbhajan Singh. His contributions helped CSK lift the trophy.

REIGN CONTINUES

Vijay, Hussey shine bright as CSK defends title at the MAC

V. GANESAN

Mike Hussey and M. Vijay laid the groundwork against Royal Challengers Bangalore with a massive opening stand of 159 runs. Vijay went on to score 95, at the time the highest individual score in an IPL final. R. Ashwin then spun a web around RCB's batters producing figures of 3/16.

LIONS ROAR BACK

Watson leads the charge with an unbeaten century

VIVEK BENDRE

CSK stamped its authority by reaching the final in 2018. A comprehensive show by the bowlers restricted Sunrisers Hyderabad to 178 for six. Shane Watson then took over, scoring an unbeaten 117 and powered the team home with nine deliveries to spare. This was CSK's third title.

FANTASTIC FOURTH

Redemption after missing the playoffs in previous season

PTI

CSK 2021: After missing the playoffs the previous season, CSK was the first finalists of 2021. Faf du Plessis racked up 86 runs to help post a fighting total. The bowling unit, spearheaded by Shardul Thakur who picked up three wickets, was consummate. CSK won by 27 runs.

BACK ON THE THRONE

CSK joins Mumbai Indians as the most successful franchise

K.R. DEEPAK

CSK 2023: In a rain-affected match, the DLS rule came into effect. CSK had to chase 171 in just 15 overs. Contributions from every batter proved to be vital as the game went down to the wire. Ravindra Jadeja kept his cool in the last over to hit the winning runs and handed his team its fifth trophy, making it the joint-most successful franchise along with Mumbai Indians.

‘It’s a fairytale finish, I couldn’t have asked for more’

Rayudu feels that his hard work for the last 30 years has paid rich dividends, says he has been fortunate to have played in really great sides and can smile for the rest of his life

Fitting farewell: Rayudu, centre, dedicated the triumph to captain Dhoni. ANI

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Press Trust of India
AHMEDABAD

Chennai Super Kings’ middle-order batter Ambati Rayudu on Monday said he can afford to smile for the rest of his life after a “fairytale finish” to his cricketing career.

Rayudu, who had announced his decision to stop playing IPL just before the final against Gujarat Titans, said his hard work for the last 30 years has paid rich dividends.

“It’s a fairytale finish. I couldn’t have asked for more. I’m fortunate to have played in really great sides. I can smile for the rest of my life. All the hard work I’ve done in the last 30 years, I’m happy I got to finish on this note.

“I would really like to thank my family, my father. Without them this wouldn’t have been possible,” said Rayudu after CSK beat Gujarat Titans by five wickets in the IPL final.

CSK all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja, who hit a six and four in the last two balls to seal the record-equalling fifth title for CSK, dedicated the win to skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

“Feels amazing, winning my fifth title in front of my home crowd. I’m from Gujarat, and it’s a special feeling. This crowd has been amazing. They were waiting for rain to stop till late night, I’d like to say a big congratulations to the CSK fans who came to support us.

“I’d like to dedicate this win to a special member of the CSK side, M.S. Dhoni,” he said.

“I was just thinking I need to swing hard, as much as I can. Where the ball will go, I was not thinking about that, just looking to swing hard. I was backing myself and looking to hit straight, because I know Mohit can bowl those slower balls,” Jadeja added.

Season rewind

As the curtains came down on IPL 2023, a recap of the edition

Highest total
257/5 LSG vs PBKS
(LSG won by 56 runs)

Lowest
59 RR vs RCB.
RCB won by 112 runs

Most Runs

Shubman Gill
890
Most 100s: (3)

Faf du Plessis
730

Devon Conway
672

Highest strike-rate: Glenn Maxwell (183.48)

Most sixes by a player: Faf du Plessis (36); Most by a team: 140 (MI)

Most fours by a player: Shubman Gill (85); Most fours by a team: 265 (MI)

Most partnership runs in a season ever:
939 **Faf du Plessis and Virat Kohli** equalled Virat Kohli and A B de Villiers

Most Wickets

Mohammed Shami
28

Mohit Sharma
27

Rashid Khan
27

Five-fors: 4
Akash Madhwal: **5/5**
Mohit Sharma: **5/10** | Mark Wood: **5/14**
Bhuvneshwar Kumar: **5/30**

Best economy
Axar Patel
7.19

DOT BALL PODIUM

Mohammed Shami: Balls delivered: **390**; Dot balls: **193**
Mohammed Siraj: Balls delivered: **300**; Dot balls: **161**
Tushar Deshpande: Balls delivered: **341**; Dot balls: **137**

Most catches
Ruturaj Gaikwad
17

Most dismissals by a wicketkeeper
Ishan Kishan
13

Sixes: 1,124 (the highest in a season)
Sixes (per match): 15.18 (record for a season)
Fours: 2,174 (most in a season)
Most 100s in a season: 12 (a new record)

Fastest fifty in the IPL
Yashasvi Jaiswal Balls: 13 (RR vs KKR)

Team with most number of 200-plus totals: 6 (MI)

Team which conceded most number of 200-plus totals: 6 (MI)

■ In a rarity, on April 30, **all four innings witnessed totals of 200 or more CSK (200) lost to PBKS (201); RR (212) lost to MI (214)**

PLAYER OF THE MATCH IN LOSING CAUSE

	Contribution	Match	Result
Dhawan	99* (66)	PBKS vs SRH	SRH won by 8 wickets
Venkatesh	104 (51)	KKR vs MI	MI won by 5 wickets
Mitchell Marsh	63 (39) & 4/27	DC vs SRH	SRH won by 9 runs
Conway	92* (52)	CSK vs PBKS	PBKS won by 4 wickets
Jaiswal	124 (62)	RR vs MI	MI won by 6 wickets
Shami	4/11	GT vs DC	DC won by 5 runs

CENTURIES IN A LOSING CAUSE

	Score	Match	Result
Jaiswal	124 (62)	RR vs MI	MI won by 6 wickets
Venkatesh	104 (51)	KKR vs MI	MI won by 5 wickets
Klaasen	104 (51)	SRH vs RCB	RCB won by 8 wickets
Kohli	101* (61)	RCB vs GT	GT won by 6 wickets

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Sai Sudharsan — all class and confidence

Electrifying: Sai Sudharsan lit up the final with a sizzler. VIJAY SONEJI

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From being retired out for not sufficiently accelerating (43, 31b) in Gujarat Titans’ Qualifier 2 against Mumbai Indians to scoring a 47-ball 96 against Chennai Super Kings in the IPL final, a lot changed for Sai Sudharsan in under 72 hours.

In a stunning transformation, the Tamil Nadu batter played the best innings of his nascent IPL career – Monday was only his 13th match – that nearly carried GT to its second title in as many years. It was also the highest for an uncapped Indian player in an IPL final.

It didn’t matter that he came at the fall of Shubman Gill, the most prized wicket for any opponent playing GT. The 21-year-old handled the pressure remarkably well. He was watchful for a few overs before shifting into a gear none thought he possessed. “Last game, I felt a lot of pressure,” said Sai Sudharsan, referring to the match against MI. “After that the realisation came that being calmer was better and that I had the ability to do it. When Shubman got out, the idea was to take it deeper and at the same time keep checking on the scoring. I took the right chances and took it deep,” he added.

While the shift in Sai Sudharsan’s approach between matches seems like a flick of the switch, his work on strengthening the mental aspects of his game during the pre-season may have played a part.

To be sure, Sai Sudharsan is not yet a T20 batter in the purest sense. He still oozes classical elegance and it seemed apt that he came on as an Impact Substitute for the injured Kane Williamson in the season-opener against CSK.

But Monday’s innings showed that he could score in very many ways.

First round shock for Medvedev as he falls to the 172nd-ranked Wild; Zverev makes a winning return

FRENCH OPEN

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

World No. 2 Daniil Medvedev was knocked out of the French Open in the first round on Tuesday, losing in five sets to 172nd-ranked Thiago Seyboth Wild of Brazil.

Seyboth Wild, who came through the qualifiers and had never previously won a Grand Slam match, triumphed 7-6(5), 6-7(6), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. It was Medvedev’s fifth loss in the opening round at Roland Garros in seven appearances.

“I have watched Daniil play in my junior years. It’s a dream come true to beat these kinds of players on this court,” said the 23-year-old Brazilian who unleashed 69 winners past the Russian.

Medvedev had arrived in Paris buoyed by winning his first ever clay court title at the prestigious Italian Open last week for his fifth trophy of 2023.

But he has endured a bitter-sweet relationship with the French Open, losing in the first round in his first four visits. He ended that streak with a run to the quarterfinals in 2021.

Earlier, Alexander Zverev made a winning return to Roland Garros with a 7-6 (6), 7-6(0), 6-1 over Lloyd Harris, 12 months since suffering a serious ankle injury in the semifinals.

The German had to retire injured from a dramatic last-four clash with Rafael Nadal last season after twisting his ankle and did not play again in 2022.

Zverev, who was the third seed last year, is only seeded 22nd this time around. “It’s nice to be back. I’ve marked this day in bold on my calendar since last year,” Zverev said.

Rune survives

In another match, in-form Danish youngster Holger Rune came through a tough test against American Christopher Eubanks in four sets. The sixth seed dropped the second and was put under severe pressure in the third before securing a 6-4, 3-6, 7-6(2), 6-2 win.

Meanwhile in the women’s section, defending champion Iga Swiatek overcame an early wobble to best Cristina Bucsa of Spain.

The World No. 1, bidding to become the first woman to successfully defend the title here since Justine Henin in 2007, came through 6-4, 6-0.

Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina brushed off a slow start to dispatch Czech teenager Brenda Fruhvirtova 6-4, 6-2.

Sensational upset: Seyboth Wild, who qualified for the main draw, tamed Medvedev in five sets for his biggest Major win. REUTERS

IMPORTANT RESULTS

First round: Men: Seyboth Wild (Bra) bt 2-Medvedev 7-6(5), 6-7(6), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; 16-Paul (USA) bt Stricker (Sui) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; 4-Ruud (Nor) bt Ymer (Swe) 6-4, 6-3, 6-2; 22-Zverev (Ger) bt Harris (RSA) 7-6(6), 7-6(0), 6-1; 27-Nishioka (Jpn) bt Wolf (USA) 1-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3; Vavassori (Ita) bt 31-Kecmanovic (Srb) 5-7, 2-6, 7-6(8), 7-6(3), 7-6(9); 29-Fokina (Esp) bt Fils (Fra) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; Lehecka (Cze) bt 21-Struff (Ger) 7-5, 1-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; 8-Sinner (Ita) bt Muller (Fra) 6-1, 6-4, 6-1; 12-Tiafoe (USA) bt Krajinovic (Srb) 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; 15-Coric (Cro) bt Coria (Arg) 7-6(3), 6-7(5), 6-3, 6-3; Cachin (Arg) bt Thiem (Aut) 6-3, 6-2, 6-7(1), 4-6, 6-2; 6-Rune (Den) bt Eubanks (USA) 6-4, 3-6, 7-6(2), 6-2; 23-Cerundolo (Arg) bt Munar (Esp) 6-1, 2-6, 7-6(5), 6-1; 9-Fritz (USA) bt Mmoh (USA) 6-2, 6-1, 6-1; 28-Dimitrov (Bul) bt Skatov (Kaz) 6-0, 6-3, 6-2;

Women: 1-Swiatek (Pol) bt Bucsa (Esp) 6-1, 6-0; Xinyu (Chn) bt 31-Bouzkova (Cze) 6-4, 7-6(5); Parry (Fra) bt 25-Kalinina (Ukr) 6-2, 6-3; 6-Gauff (USA) bt Masarova (Esp) 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; 7-Jabeur (Tun) bt Bronzetti (Ita) 6-4, 6-1; 4-Rybakina (Kaz) bt Fruhvirtova (Cze) 6-4, 6-2; Tsurenko (Ukr) bt 13-Krejcikova (Cze) 6-2, 6-4; Paolini (Ita) bt 30-Cirstea (Rou) 7-5, 2-6, 6-2; Schmiedlova (Cze) bt 11-Kudermetova 6-3, 6-1; 23-Alexandrova bt Tomova (Bul) 6-1, 2-6, 6-1; 14-Maia (Bra) bt Maria (Ger) 6-0, 6-1; Cocciaretto (Ita) bt 10-Kvitova (Cze) 6-3, 6-4; Avanesyan bt 12-Bencic (Sui) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; 5-Garcia (Fra) bt Wang (Chn) 7-6(4), 4-6, 6-4; Svitolina (Ukr) bt 26-Trevisan (Ita) 6-2, 6-2; 17-Ostapenko (Lat) bt Martincova (Cze) 6-3, 7-5; 7-Jabeur (Tun) bt Bronzetti (Ita) 6-4, 6-1; Andreeva bt Riske (USA) 6-2, 6-1

Day 3 in numbers

2 Since 2000, **Andreeva** is the second player below the age of 17 to concede three games or less in a French Open win after Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova conceded two to Maria Emilia Salerni in 2008

11 Wawrinka now has the most wins in five sets at Roland-Garros in the Open Era (11), surpassing Monfils and Solomon (10 each)

86 Zhang is the first Chinese man to win in singles at the French Open in 86 years

21 Japan’s Nishioka, in his 21st attempt, finally won a Grand Slam match after losing the opening two sets. He beat USA’s J.J. Wolf 1-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3

23 Medvedev is the first second-seeded man in 23 years to lose in the first round at Roland-Garros. Sampras (2000) was the previous one to fall at the first hurdle in Paris

WEDNESDAY’S PICKS

MEN	WOMEN
Alcaraz **vs** Daniel	Pegula **vs** Giorgi
Djokovic **vs** Fucsovics	Sabalenka **vs** Shymanovich
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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
PROBATE CIVIL PETITION No. 8 OF 2023
In the matter of the Will of Ms. DONY also known as DONY POOSWAMY, TONY, TONY POOSWAMY : deceased :

Peter Anandaraj, aged about 75 years, Christian, son of late Mr. Peter D. Xavier and presently residing at Old No. 14, New No.2, Langford Road, 1st Cross, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru - 560 027.
...PETITIONER
-vs-
Nil ...RESPONDENT

Whereas the Petitioner above named have made a Petition under Part IX Section (273, and 276) of the Indian Succession Act 1925, for a grant of Letters of Administration with the Will dated 15th June 2019 Annexed to his Petition said to have been executed by the deceased Ms. Dony also known as Dony Pooswamy, Tony, Tony Pooswamy, late of Old No.14, New No.2, Langford Road, 1st Cross, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru - 560 027.

Be it known that no caveat has been entered and that the said Petition is posted for hearing **on the 21/06/2023** and all persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the Deceased may come and see the proceedings before the grant of Letters of Administration, with Will annexed.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 20th day of April 2023.

By order of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka I/c Assistant Registrar, Bengaluru.

Counsel for the Petitioner :
Ms. Ann Mary Green
No. 20, Lavelle Road, 3rd Cross, Bengaluru - 560 001.

IN THE COURT OF THE 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-58)
O.S. NO. 25946/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Sri. Kalpesh Kumar Jain ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Sri. Kalpesh Kumar Jain
S/o. Sri. Ashok Kumar
Aged about 39 years,
No.787/113, 3rd Main, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Near NIIT, Bangalore North, Bangalore- 560 010

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 5,10,135/- (Rupees Five Lakh Ten Thousand One Hundred Thirty Five Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 57th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 58) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **30-06-2023** at **11:00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **26th** day of **April, 2023.**

By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Mayohall Unit, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
PROBATE CIVIL PETITION No. 4 OF 2023
In the matter of the Will of Ms. ALEYAMMA MATHEW : deceased :

K.T. Sebastian, son of the late K.T. Thomas, Aged about 71 years, residing at B-1, Trinity Habitat, Hennur Main Road, Geddalahalli, Bengaluru - 560 043.
...PETITIONER
-vs-
Nil ...RESPONDENT

Whereas the Petitioner above named have made a Petition under Part IX Section (273, and 276) of the Indian Succession Act 1925, for grant of Probate of the Will dated 6th May 2016 said to have been executed by the deceased Ms. Aleyamma Mathew, late of Flat No: B-603, Spartan Heights, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560 025.

Be it known that no caveat has been entered and that the said Petition is posted for hearing **on the 21/06/2023** and all persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the Deceased may come and see the proceedings before the grant of Probate.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 20th day of April 2023.

By order of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka I/c Assistant Registrar, Bengaluru.

Counsel for the Petitioner :
Ms. Ann Mary Green
No. 20, Lavelle Road, 3rd Cross, Bengaluru - 560 001.

IN THE COURT OF THE 57th ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGLORE (CCH- 58)
O.S.NO.26862/2022
Hg. 06.07.2023

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mysthree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...PLANTIFF
AND
Mr. Yamin Khan
...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Mr. Yamin Khan,
S/o Mr. Anwar Khan,
Aged about 28 years,
No. 12, 2nd Main Road, Maruthi Layout, BTM 1st Stage, Bangalore- 560 029

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 2,89,597/- (Rupees Two Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Seven Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 57th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 06.07.2023 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 26/04/2023.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT,
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In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014
AND
In the matter of
WEATTACH TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED
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having its Registered Office at
FLAT NO 1603, M-BLOCK, CONCORDE MANHATTANS, NEELADARI NAGAR, MAIN ROAD, ELECTRONIC CITY - 1, BANGALORE, KARNATAKA-560100
.....Applicant Company / Petitioner

NOTICE is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make an application to the Central Government under Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on **30th January, 2023** to enable the company to change its Registered Office from **"State of Karnataka"** to the **"State of Uttar Pradesh"**.

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the **MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form** or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his /her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his / her interest and grounds of opposition to the **Regional Director, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, South East Region, 3rd Floor, Corporate Bhawan, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Tattiannaram Village, Hayat Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad-500068, Telangana** within fourteen days (14) from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant Company at its Registered Office at the address mentioned below:-
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For & on behalf of **WEATTACH TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED**
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MEENAKSHI TRIPATHI
(DIRECTOR)
DIN : 07296594

Date : 30.05.2023
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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RIZWANA Ashfaque, W/o Mohammed Ashfaque Patel, R/a #114, 1st Main Road, H Colony, Indiranagar, 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560038, have changed my name to H.N.Rizwana vide affidavit dt: 16.05.2023 sworn before Notary D Gunashekar, B'lore.

I, POONAPALLY Ramaswamy Reddy Manasa Reddy, R/a No.234/94, 8th Mn, 3rd Crs, Venkatapura, Koramangala, B'lore-34 have changed my name to Manasa vide affidavit dt: 18.05.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

I, SHWETHA Suresha, R/a No.123, Green Villa Lyt, Halanayakanahalli, Carmelaram Post, Sarjapura Rd, B'lore-35 have changed my name to Shwetha Suresh vide affidavit dt: 18.05.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru

I, MOHIT Reddy Shankarappa, R/a No.310, Bidaraguppe, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-562107 have changed my name to Mohith Reddy Shankarappa vide affidavit dt: 09.05.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mai, B'luru

I, MAANAV Akhawat, R/a No.6, G-4, Pranavas Seetharam Residency, Bugle Rock Rd, Basavanagudi, B'luru-04 have changed my name to Maanav Lalith Kumar Akhawat vide affidavit dt: 19.04.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

I, TEJASHWINI Sudhakar, R/a No.41, 3rd Mn, 8th Crs, Venkatapura New Extn, Koramangala 1st Blk, B'lore - 34 have changed my name to Kathrigutpe Chandrashekhara Reddy Tejashwini Sudhakar vide affidavit dt: 18.05.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru

I Seemaparveen Usman Shabandri D/o Usman Shabandri , W/o Syed Taufiq Kazi, residing at Maimuna House, Near Nellikeri Old Bus Stand, Kumta Taluk, Uttara Kannada, Karnataka - 581343, have changed my name to Seema Taufiq Kazi for all purposes in future

I, GAYATHRI Elayaraja, R/at No. 3-1, Swarna Tej Residency, PWD Main Road, Near Cauvery Water Tank, A.Narayanapura, Bengaluru-560016, have changed my name from Gayathri Elayaraja to Gayathri Balabommu, vide affidavit dated 29-05-2023 before Notary Sivakumara. M.N, Bengaluru.

I, SMT. VEDAVATHI KULKARNI, legally wedded w/o No, JC66296, Ex Naib Subedar, Late VYANKATESH KULKARNI, residing at Address, No 13, Block 2, BEML Layout, Srirampura II stage, Mysore, District–Mysore, Karnataka, PIN – 570023, have changed my name from VEDAVATI to VEDAVATHI KULKARNI vide affidavit dated 25/05/2023 by Shri Chandrahas S., Advocate & Notary, MYSURU

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A Business Initiative

Kristu Jayanti College Autonomous launched BBA Retail Management graduate programme in collaboration with Maruti Suzuki on Thursday, May 25, 2023.

The BBA Retail Management programme launched by Kristu Jayanti College Autonomous in collaboration with Maruti Suzuki is based on an apprenticeship model as suggested by the University Grants Commission and Karnataka State Higher Education Council. Ashwin D Gowda, IRS, Managing Director, Karnataka Skills Development Corporation addressing the gathering during the launch emphasized on the potential of retail sector being massive with the emergence of consumer data analytics and with the inclusion of apprenticeship component where students will be spending a year in the automobile industry will give them practical exposure. Along with domain skills it is important to focus on soft skills and practical employable skills. He also pointed out that while students are encouraged to skill, upskill and reskill, faculty also play a significant role in introducing innovative pedagogies into the programme. Fr Jais V Thomas, Financial Administrator, Kristu Jayanti College while delivering the presidential address emphasized that the process of collaboration between the academia and industry is instrumental for the process of nation building. He also pointed out that skill gap can be addressed by bringing in innovative ideas for young students while imparting employable skills. Sanjiv Sinha, Vice President, Maruti Suzuki India Limited during the felicitation address appreciated KJC for being the one of leaders in introducing BBA Retail Management in the state. He said India has the third largest automobile market only after the USA and China. The market requires a combination of adequate skills and man power who are industry ready professionals to cater to this huge requirement. This first of its kind programme will gratify the requirement of 40-60 percent of jobs in the market. Mr Dibyendu B Ranjit, Assistant Vice President, Maruti Suzuki India Limited, Mr Debjyoti Dutta, Central Business Head, South Zone- Arena, MSIL and Dr Aloysius Edward, Dean, Commerce and Management were also present on the occasion.

Anaadyanta, Annual National-Level Techno Cultural Fest of Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology, Yelahanka, Bengaluru

Anaadyanta is an inter collegiate annual techno cultural fest of Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology since 2004 and there was a pause for live festivities due to the Pandemic. But now, the situation is normal and students are back with brimmed enthusiasm with the theme - 'Cradle of Culture', which is an ode to the creativity and expression of human thoughts. Nearly 10,000 students from various technical institutions across India participated in the festival. The cultural fest was inaugurated by Shri.Vasuki Vaibhav, Indian Composer, Music Director and Actor. He said Young Engineers should always become the part of the dream behind the project or assignment instead of involving mechanically without focus. Only then, our Nation can grow and technological solutions can be found for challenges in the society. Dr. H.C. Nagaraj, Principal, NMIT was the keynote speaker. In his address he said, Today the world is progressing rapidly but is facing a lot of problems in its path. The problems such as ever increasing population, dwindling natural resources, global water crisis, power problems, extinction of endangered species, rapid climatic changes etc. Engineers have the ingenuity to solve the above problems. We need to unleash the creative potential of our youth and harness their energies towards development and progress. Sri. Rohit Punja, Administrator, Nitte Education Trust presided over the function. In his presidential address he said, In this century, a new society is emerging where knowledge is the primary production resource instead of capital and labour. Efficient utilization of existing knowledge can create comprehensive wealth for the nation in the form of better health, education, and infrastructure etc., for improving the quality of life. Dr. Ashwitha Punja, Administrator, Nitte Education Trust; Dr. Sandeep Shastri, Director (Academics), Nitte Education Trust; Dr. V. Sridhar, Dean (Academics), nmit; Prof. S. Nagendra, Dean (MBA), NMIT and Dr. Kiran Aithal, Dean (R&D), NMIT were the special invitees at the event. Several technical events such as Ideathon, Drop the Egg, Rubix cube, Studsat, Cloud Marathon, Code wars, Simulation Race, Escape Room etc and cultural such as Sandalwood Quiz, DUB Music, Choreo Nite, Street X, Gaming Events, Sports, Art, Fashion Show etc took place in the festival.

The Open Day Project Exhibition " PRADARSHANA - 2023" ws organized at Ramaiah Institute of Technology Bangalore on 15th and 16th of May 2023.

Pradarshana-2023, creative projects that showcase learning are reflected as industry- or user-defined problems. It established an unique platform for the students to demonstrate their creative ideas into techno-commercial goods and business strategies, thereby unleashing their potential.. It's a platform which gives knowledge to the students and develop their interest to research further on topics other than they learnt in their curriculum. The RIT students' holistic growth is promoted through a variety of mediums, including exhibitions, seminars, projects, and presentations. The Open Day Project Exhibition Pradarshana -2023 was Inaugurated on 15th May 2023 at 11am by Chief Guests, Dr. Nagahanumaiah, Director, Central Manufacturing Technology Institute (CMTI), Bengaluru, Karnataka and Dr. M.R. Jayaram, Hon'ble Chairman, Gokula Education Foundation (GEF). Dr. Nagahanumaiah, addressed the gathering and underlined the need for innovation and advancement in technology. He also stressed on the essentiality of faculty in the involvement for scientific and technology development. The Chief Guests released an Abstract Book on the occasion. The book contains the brief description of all Final Year Projects of all the Engineering branches. The Chief Guests and the other dignitaries visited the exhibition. Some of the students briefly explained and demonstrated their Project work. The Exhibition also provided an avenue to choose best projects from each department. The departments invite industry and academicians to evaluate their respective department Projects. The Best Project awards, cash prize and certificates were distributed during the Farewell Function of the Institute. This year a total of 403 Final Year Projects were displayed in Pradarshana, some industry stalls were showcasing their new products. Pradarshana was open to all prospective students, Parents, investors in the industry, stake holders and general interested public.

Government of Karnataka
Karnataka Forest Department
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar Forest Division, Sagar
e-mail ID: dcfsagar123@gmail.com
No.: A2/BGT/CAMPA/CR-04/2023-24 Date: 25.05.2023

e-Tender Notice (Through e-Procurement Portal)

Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal in two cover from interested contractors for undertaking works of growing 8X12 size saplings including advance works in zones coming under Sagar Regional Forest Division for the year 2023-24. Last date for submitting tenders has been fixed as: 13.06.2023 up to 4.30 PM.

For further information this office can be contacted and details of the tender can be obtained through the official website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- (Santhosh Kumar Kenchappanavar, IFS) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar Forest Division, Sagar

DIPR/smg/No.49/05/ksmca/23-24/52

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
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Num/JD/SWD/IA/CR- 02/2023-24 **Date:25.05.2023**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

MAN POWER SUPPLY TO KARNATAKA RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SOCIETY UNDER SCHOOLS & COLLEGES IN MYSURU DISTRICT

JOINT DIRECTOR SOCIAL WELFARE, MYSURU Dist here by invites Technical & Financial Bids from officially Registered Eligible Institution and Should be Registered Under Societies Registration Act / Company Act / Co-Operative Societies Act to Supply Man Power for all institutions spread over **Mysuru District** as described in the schedule of requirements. **1)** Tender Reference No and date: JD/SWD/IA/CR 01/2023-24,Date:25.05.2023 **2)** Amount put to Tender: 693.51 Lakhs **3)** Tender Form Uploding Date: 25.05.2023 **4)** Last date & Time for submission of Tender DATE: 26.05.2023 @ 5.00PM. **5)** Pre bid meeting date: 7.06.2023 @ 11.00AM. **6)** Date & Time of opening of Technical bid **Date:30.06.2023 Time:11.00am** (Date & Time Extended Will be decided by the Committee). **7)** Date & Time of opening of Financial Bid: **Date:5.07.2023 Time:11.00am** (Date & Time Extended Will be decided by the Committee). **8)** EMD Amount: **10.40 Lakhs. 9)** Venue of opening of tenders: Joint Director Social Welfare Department, Mysuru. **10)** Address for communication Joint Director Social Welfare Department, DR. Babu jagajeevanaram Bhavan, Adhipampa Road, Mysuru. **0821-2344661**

Interested eligible Registered in e-procurement portal bidders can down load the bid documents with visiting the web site http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- JOINT DIRECTOR, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MYSURU.

DIPR/DDMYS/KSMCA/29/2023-24

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that our client intends to purchase immovable property bearing Plot No. 18, BBMP Khata No. 320/320/327/18, measuring 8,270 sq. feet formed in residentially converted Survey No. 40/1 and 42/2, situated at Byatarayanapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as "***Schedule Property***" from **Mrs. Asha Shamlal, wife of Mr. Shyam Wadhwa**.

Any person having any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or having any objection to the purchase must notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereof, within fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication, failing which it shall be deemed that no person has any objection to our client purchasing the Schedule Property.

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East by : 25 ft Road;
West by : Sy. No. 42/1;
North by : Plot No. 17; and
South by : Plot No. 20.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 31.05.2022

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No. RO KA-32.0011.0/15/2023-CON-RO KA Date: 30.05.2023

ई-निविदा सूचना/e-Tender Notice

ऑनलाइन निविदाएं जी ई एम पोर्टल के माध्यम से "दो बोली प्रणाली 'के तहत दो वर्ष हेतु **1) आरएच/जीएस शिमोगा और एफएसडी भद्रावती पर एचटीसी, 2) एफएसडी एंड्रोथ पर एचटीसी, 3) बीएसएसी व्हाइटफ़ील्ड पर आईटीसी और 4) एफएसडी के आर पी जी पर आईटीसी, 5) आरएस / एफएसडी बोम्मापुर में एचटीसी, 6) आरएच/जीएस शिमोगा पर एचटीसी और एफएसडी गाडिकोप्पा, 7) एचटीसी शिमोगा और एफएसडी तवारेकोप्पा, 8) एचटीसी आरएच/जीएस/एफएसडी मैसूरु, 9) एचटीसी आरएच/जीएस नंजनगुड और एफएसडी मैसूरु और 10) आरएच/जीएस मैसूरु में हैंडलिंग** अनुबंध आमंत्रित की जा रही है। एनआईटी और निविदा प्रपत्र "www.fci.gov.in" और "https://gem.gov.in" पर उपलब्ध हैं। ऑनलाइन बोलियां **22.06.2023** को अपराह्न **02:00** बजे तक प्रस्तुत की जानी हैं। पंजीकरण, प्रशिक्षण और बोलियों को ऑनलाइन प्रस्तुत करने के लिए, निविदाकारों को "https://gem.gov.in" पर देखने का अनुरोध किया जाता है।

Online Tenders for regular **1) HTC at RH/GS Shimoga & FSD Bhadravathi, 2) HTC at FSD Androth, 3) ITC at BSC Whitefield and 4) ITC at FSD KRPG, 5) HTC at RS/FSD Bommapur, 6) HTC at RH/GS Shimoga & FSD Gadikoppa, 7) HTC at RH/GS Shimoga & FSD Tavarekoppa, 8) HTC at RH/GS/FSD Mysuru, 9) HTC at RH/GS Nanjangud & FSD Mysuru and 10) HC at RH/GS Mysuru** for two years is invited under "Two Bid System" through GeM portal. NIT and tender forms are available in "www.fci.gov.in" & "https://gem.gov.in". Bid should be submitted online within **2.00 PM** on **22.06.2023**. For registration, training and submitting bids online, tenderers are requested to visit https://gem.gov.in

महाप्रबंधक (कर्नाटक)
GENERAL MANAGER (KTK)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my client Mr. Kiran Chandra intends to purchase the schedule property from its owner, Mr. Ravindra K. L., son of Late Lingappa Reddy. Anybody having any objection to the sale may write to the undersigned within 7 days with documentary proof failing which my client will proceed to complete the sale and objections received thereafter is not binding upon my client.

Schedule Property

Vacant residential site bearing No. 158, "Nimritha Green County" abutting the layout known as "Odion Wood of the East" and carved out of Sy. No. 58/2, Halanayakanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring 111.41 sq. mts.

Site Measurement:
East to West : 9.14 Mts
North to South: 12.19 Mts
And bounded on the:
East By: Site No. 157
West By: Site No. 158
North By: Site No. 148 and 149
South By Road

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Notice is hereby given that my client Mr. Kiran Chandra intends to purchase the schedule property from its owner, Mrs. Dhanalakshmi K. L., daughter of Late Lingappa Reddy and W/o Mr. T. Venkataswamy Reddy. Anybody having any objection to the sale may write to the undersigned within 7 days with documentary proof failing which my client will proceed to complete the sale and objections received thereafter is not binding upon my client.

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INBRIEF

Spalletti to leave Napoli, take a year off

Luciano Spalletti has confirmed that he will leave the Serie A champion Napoli and will not coach next season. "I need to take a year off. I'm a bit tired and I want to be with my daughter," Spalletti said in Napoli on the sidelines of a transfer market symposium on Monday. Napoli president Aurelio De Laurentiis revealed on RAI state TV on Sunday that Spalletti requested a sabbatical year.

Jyothi wins women's 100m hurdles gold in Netherlands

National record-holder Jyothi Yarraji won the women's 100m hurdles gold in 13.08s in the T-Meeting at Tilburg in the Netherlands. Sapna Kumari was fourth in 13.87s.

False accounting trial: Juventus fined, avoids points deduction

Juventus will pay a fine of more than 700,000 euros ($751,000) for lying about players foregoing wages during the COVID-19 pandemic, but escaped a new Serie A points deduction in a plea bargain approved on Tuesday by the Italian Football Federation tribunal. The deal, which Juventus had requested, brings to an end a series of cases in Italy's sporting courts involving the Turin club.

LIVE TELECAST

Roland Garros: Sony Sports Ten 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 2.30 p.m. onwards

Europa League: Sony Sports Ten 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Thursday)

Birthday boy Gukesh overcomes Carlsen

The Indian teenager outwits the favourite in 97 moves by following the lines of Larsen Opening; Abdusattorov emerges the blitz champion

CHESS

Sports Bureau

Birthday-boy D. Gukesh stunned World champion Magnus Carlsen in a 97-move thriller in the Norway Chess blitz tournament on Monday to underline his reputation as one among the most exciting talents in the chess world.

Gukesh, tipped by Carlsen last year as the one to watch out for, outwitted the favourite following the lines of Larsen Opening. In fact, the two had played the same opening in their online clash last year.

Later, Gukesh brought back his queen on the board and overpowered Carlsen fought valiantly with a knight and two pawns. After resigning, a smiling Carlsen congratulated Gukesh and wished him on his birthday.

In this one-day nine-round event, Uzbekistan's Nodirbek Abdusattorov (6 points) won the title by beating Gukesh (2.5) in the final round. Carlsen (4.5) finished seventh.

Interestingly, the only time Adbusattorov led in the tournament, he was crowned the champion.

Big scalp: Gukesh celebrated his turning 17 with a thrilling win over Carlsen. TWITTER/CHESS24COM

Mixed run

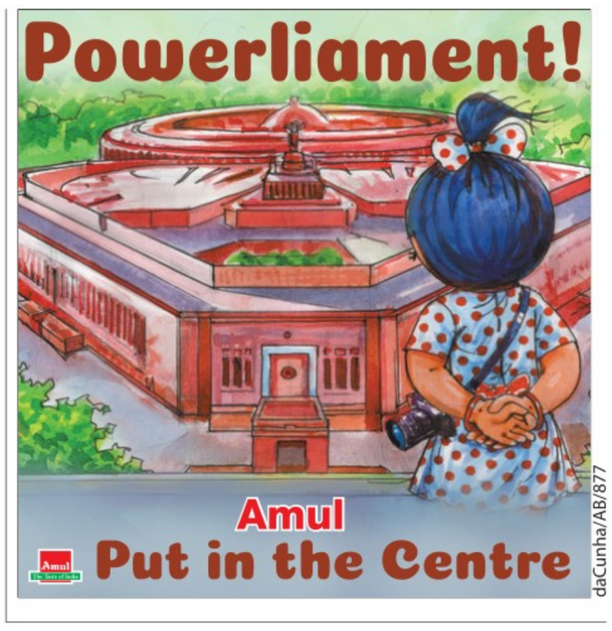
Gukesh, who turned 17, started with a loss to Fabiano Caruana, beat Carlsen – his first over-the-board victory against the world's strongest player – before suffering a hat-trick of losses to Aryan Tari, Wesley So and Alireza Firouzja.

He outsmarted Anish Giri, drew with Hikaru Nakamura but lost to Shakhriyar

Mamedyarov and signed off with a defeat to Abdusattorov.

Final standings (after nine rounds):

1. Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb, 6 points), 2-3. Alireza Firouzja (Fra, 5.5), Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Aze, 5.5).
4-6. Hikaru Nakamura (USA, 5), Wesley So (USA, 5), Fabiano Caruana (USA, 5).
7. Magnus Carlsen (Nor, 4.5), 8. Anish Giri (Ned, 3.5), 9-10. D. Gukesh (2.5) and Aryan Tari (Nor, 2.5).



UWW condemns detention, threatens suspension of WFI

WRESTLING

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

The United World Wrestling (UWW) on Tuesday condemned the detention of some leading wrestlers during a protest march on May 28 and threatened that it might suspend the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) if its pending elections are not held within the stipulated time.

"UWW firmly condemns the treatment and detention of the wrestlers. It expresses its disappointment over the lack of results of the investigations so far. UWW urges the relevant authorities to conduct an impartial investigation into the allegations, " said a statement.

The world governing body of the sport said it would meet the wrestlers "to inquire about their condition and safety and reconfirm our support for a fair and just resolution of their concerns."

Fully geared up for next Pro League games: Harmanpreet

HOCKEY

Press Trust of India
LONDON

The FIH Pro League matches underway in England are going on well and the Indian hockey team is fully geared up for the matches to be played later this week, said captain Harmanpreet Singh during a diaspora event here.

Harmanpreet was joined by teammates and coach Craig Fulton at a special reception hosted by the Indian High Commission for the team, which is currently second behind Great Britain after winning five of its matches.

India takes on Belgium on Friday and Great Britain on Saturday in Pro League.

"The Pro League matches are going well and we are fully geared up for the games on June 2 and 3 and call on everyone to come out and support the team," said Harmanpreet.

Elite Manipur sportspersons appeal for peace

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Appealing for peace in Manipur, elite sportspersons, led by Olympian weightlifter Kunjarani Devi and former World boxing champion Sarita Devi, have said that an atmosphere of violence has deeply impacted people and may mar the Asian Games preparations of the athletes belonging to the State.

Memorandum

Khel Ratna, Arjuna, Dronacharya and Dhyan Chand awardees, including weightlifters Soniya Chanu and Sanamacha Chanu, judoka Sushila Devi, wushu athletes Sandhyarani Devi and Bimoljit Singh, boxing coach Ibomcha Singh and weightlifting coach Anita Chanu, held a press conference at Imphal on Tuesday and submitted a memorandum to Union Home Minister Amit Shah requesting him to bring back peace in the State.

Olympic silver medallist weightlifter Mirabai Chanu and Commonwealth Games champion boxer Suranjoy Singh joined over the phone.

"So far 13 distinguished sportspersons have got together to appeal for peace. We expect more to join us. The violence has been going on since May 3. We appealed to the Home Minister to help return peace in the State," Sarita told *The Hindu*.

"Several athletes from our State are preparing for the Asian Games, which is only three months away. How can they train peacefully in such a situation?"

"We request the Government to listen to the sportspersons' appeal for peace," said Kunjarani.

Indian Open to be held in Mangaluru from June 1

SURFING

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

The fourth Indian Open of Surfing, the premier surfing competition of the Surfing Federation of India (SFI), is scheduled to be held from June 1 to 3 at the Panambur beach in Mangaluru and will be hosted by the Mantra Surf Club.

The event has got support from Karnataka Tourism for the fourth consecutive year, while Cycle Pure Agarbathies & Jai Hind Group have come on board as principal partners.

The event three-day surfing extravaganza will see top Indian surfers like S. Sanjaikumar, T. Nithishvarun, P. Surya, D. Ruban, D. Srikanth, Sathish Sarvanan, Manikandan Desappan fight it out for the top honours.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Viani takes the honours

International Master Viani Antonio D'Cunha won the Akshayakalpa Organic State Chess Championship here on Tuesday. Viani finished with 8.5 points in nine rounds. D. Yashas (8 points), A. Balkishan (8 points), and GM M.S. Thejkumar (8 points) finished second, third and fourth respectively.
The top four will represent Karnataka in the Chess Nationals, which will be held in August.

Massive win for TFF

Technico Football Foundation (TFF) whipped GRK Glittering Stars 13-0 at the Bangalore Football Stadium in the KSFA 'B' division football league here.
In another match, Kemp FC defeated International FA 4-1.

Young Gems FC thrashes East West

Young Gems FC defeated East West 7-0 in the BDFA C-division football league here.

The results: Sunrise FC bt Hindu Socials 2-0; Young Gems FC bt East West 7-0; Bangalore Wanderers FC drew with Misaka United FC 1-1.

Govind scores a hat-trick for BUHC

Govind scored a hat trick for Bangalore United HC as it defeated BCYA 6-1 in the D.S. Murthy Memorial hockey tournament here.
The result: Bangalore United HC 6 (Govind 3, 42, 44, Ponnana 20, Maggi 24, Arvind 50) bt BCYA 1 (Baljit Singh 6).

Yuvraj's ton drives Vijaya CC to victory

A. Yuvraj (139) powered Vijaya CC to victory against The Bangalore Cricketers in the KSCA Group I, Division II league here.
The scores: Century Cricketers 252 in 72.5 overs (Manvanth Kumar 56, B. Dheemanth 48, Ashish Dhar 48, Bhuvan Raju 37, Sourab Mauttur 4/68, Amey Shanbhag 4/76) bt Jawahar Sports Club (1) 202 in 52 overs (V. Prithvi 47, Amod Kaluve 42, Sourab Muttur 35, M. Krishna Srivasta 4/60, Mohammed Sadiq 3/61).
Modern 308 in 90 overs (M.R. Jayanth 77, Karthik Ramana 69, Lakshan 49, S.A. Sachin 32, Amogh 5/95) bt Jawans 190 in 49.3 overs (Harshil 57, Cheluvaraj 47, S.U. Karthik 42, Pranesh Desai 6/63, Pranav Awasthi 3/40).
Jawahar Sports Club (2) 240/8 in 64 overs (M.P. Samarth 105, S.B. Sanket 35, Rohith Sundar 28, Muthanna Chandrashekhar Nayak 3/43) bt Wilson Garden 232 in 75.4 overs (J. Rishabh Navrathan 64, Eesa Hakeem Puthige 43, Pavan 25, Shimon Luiz 7/71).
Vijaya 341 in 89.5 overs (A. Yuvraj 139, Zeeshan Ali 43, N. Yash 41, Thippa Reddy 34, M..G. Shirur 27, Manjunath 3/63, D. Bharath 3/69) bt The Bangalore Cricketers 168 in 66.5 overs (S. Chethan 32, Sachin Shinde 5/58).
Jupiters Cricket Association 221 in 69.2 overs (Prajwal Prakash 68, Desmond Antony 48, Nathan D' Mello 5/72, Advith M. Shetty 3/35) bt Chintamani Sports Association 136 in 43.3 overs (Vrishin Arinjai 28, Badrinarayan 26, S. Chiranth 4/40, Santosh Kumar Bharadwaj 3/14, Sheetal Kumar 3/41).

Arnav sets up Minerva's thrilling win

Arnav Arun Bhardwaj (124) helped Minerva CC defeat Hammonds CC by one run in the KSCA Group I, Division III league here.
The scores: Dooravani Cricketers (1) 202/8 in 43,2 overs (B. Srikanth 66, S.K. Abhishek 29, M. Kaiser 26) bt Cavaliers 200 in 49.4 overs (Kaushik Nair 63, B. Yogesh Kumar 47, Abhilash Fernandes 25, B. Harsha 3/55).
Visweswarapuram 217/7 in 38 overs (Nithin Gopalakrishna 68, Shoaib Manager 38, H.R. Kiran 26) bt Jolly Cricketers 215/9 in 50 overs (Virendra Singh Ahuja 98, Deepal Neeralagi 28, Prasanna Patil Kulkarni 3/36).
Whirlwind Cricketer 164/5 in 31.3 overs (Anirudha Joshi 79, Shreyank Sagar 39) bt Malleswaram Gymkhana 160 in 43.3 overs (Barnadeep Kaur 40, C.R. Kumaraswamy 37, Babu Gaddam 5/21).
Minerva 206/8 in 47.2 overs (Arnav Arun Bharadwaj 124, J. Tejas 33, N. Lokesh 4/35) bt Hammonds 205 in 47 overs (Gaurav Upadhyay 49, N.G. Kushal 40, Abhishek Joseph Koshi 33, Chirag 30, Jaffer Ali 3/32).
Engrades 145/4 in 34.5 overs (Abu 41, Karna Surya Vamshi 40) bt R.V. College of Engineering 142 in 38.3 overs (H.M. Pooran 32, Naveen Shankara 32, Vijay Kumar 3/32).
Friends Union (2) 268/7 in 44.5 (S. Vishnu Viran 89, Pranav R. Babu 70, Akhil Balachandra 42, J. Karthik 3/41) bt Bangalore Sports Club 264 in 47.4 overs (Nilesh Khilare 100, B.C. Vinay 39, P. Santosh Krishna 30, M. Karthik 25).

Venu Gopal stars in Pinakini's win

Venu Gopal (34 points) powered Pinakini BC past All Stars Academy Mysore 68-62 in the State 'C' division men's basketball league.
The results: BCBC 68 (Austin 30, Sunil 19) bt Nationals BC Mysore 64 (Suman 21, Kushal 10); Yelahanka New Town BC 60 (Survesh 20, Vineeth 15) bt Pinakini BC Gauribidnur 47 (Venu Gopal 14).
Hoysala BC Hassan 70 (Prabhuraj 27, Adarsh 17) bt KGF BC 64 (Joshua 28, Dhanush 18); CJC BC 70 (Pradyumna 24, Vinod 16) bt Mysore BC 61 (Stephan 15, Nadeem 11).
Dominate BC Chikkamagalur 60 (Darshan 16, Prem Sagar 10) bt Nationals BC Mysore 27 (Ronak 12); Bangalore Vanguards 70 (Akshan Rao 20, Naveeth 14) bt Sahakarnagar BC 57 (Sumukh 11, Ajay 10).
Pinakini BC 68 (Venu Gopal 34, Umar 20) bt All Stars Academy Mysore 62 (Chandu 18, Jeevan 14); YFBC Kolar 44 (Pavan 23) bt Chamarajpet Nagar BC 28 (Manthesh 12).
Hoysala BC Hassan 49 (Prabhuraj 15, Sourav 15) bt Nalvadi BC Kollegal 34; Mysore BC 56 (Omkar 20, Stephen 16) bt SAI Dharwad 54 (Sanket 17, Suraj 16).

Fitness and adaptability are the keys; how about the Dhoni Cup?

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

In about a week, two sets of players, many of whom were engaged in the IPL, will be squaring off at the World Test Championship final in England. Whichever team – India or Australia – does worse will face one line of criticism. It will be said that playing the IPL so close to the Test final was a mistake, and that players did not have sufficient time to acclimatise themselves.

But such thinking, plausible till recently, doesn't hold true anymore. The modern cricketer is a model of adaptability, and can go from format to format, from centre to centre, or from continent to continent without his game suffering. This is partly owing to superior fitness and partly because playing competitive cricket (in any format) is good preparation anyway.

Most international series are played these days without first class matches in the build-up. In 1986, India played before the first Test in England, by 2002 it was down to two, and by 2007 there were none at all.

Rock star

The modern cricketer, as a colleague put it, is like a rock star, touring 300 days in a year, performing at various countries and venues, adapting their lists and styles to each one. Fitness and adaptability are the key.

England's leading batsman Joe Root thought the IPL this year, where he didn't get to play much, was good preparation for the Ashes. "I think I'll come back ready and excited to dive back into Test cricket," he said in an interview.

When Jonny Bairstow prepared for England's home series last year by playing in the IPL, he faced criticism. Yet he had a great run of four centuries in six Test matches thereafter.

It may be that batters find the adjustment easier to make. Bowlers conscious of 'Test match length' as opposed to a 'T20 length' might need to work harder. Then again, maybe not. India's bowlers are an experienced lot and have been making changes to their approach regularly now.

It is a cliché in sport that the greats of any generation would be greats in any other. But in this one regard – adaptability – the moderns score more points.

When the first T20 World Cup was played in 2007, India's top players, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and others didn't think it was for them; it was seen as a bit of a hit-and-giggle tournament, mainly for youngsters who wanted some fun.

Next year, the IPL was played for the first time, and everything changed. Before a tour of the West Indies later, Ravi Shastri even went so far as to say that it would be good training ground for the IPL.

Face of IPL

This year's IPL final was about the waning of one star, Mahendra Singh Dhoni, and the flourishing of another, Shubhman Gill. In many ways, Dhoni is the IPL, the face of a tournament and everything it stands for, from the cricket to the elements beyond. The pan-Indian fan response has been amazing for someone who quit international cricket four years ago.

Perhaps the time has come to rename the IPL Trophy and call it the M.S. Dhoni Trophy. Dhoni has won it enough number of times, has influenced the course of the tournament often enough, and is probably the greatest white-ball captain ever.

He may or may not be around next year – he himself is not sure – with age (he will be 42) and fitness being the main concerns. The IPL being the centre of experimentation in the game, Dhoni might emerge as cricket's first non-playing captain. Or remain a wicketkeeper and conduct operations from behind the stumps, something he has been doing so well for so many years. He is still a marketing man's favourite, and CSK might use him even more creatively.

Pleasing and effective

Gill, currently the face – a clean-shaven one unlike most teammates – of Indian cricket is an all-format player both pleasing and effective, the ideal combination for a batter.

There is a calmness about him that is not unlike Dhoni's, and a wide-angled view that augurs well for the future.

As the players change clothes and formats without missing a step, India know they have a batting unit in good form, and will have to decide whether to play the second spinner. Or the extra batsman.

They will have to think outside the box. Ishan Kishan as wicketkeeper? Jaydev Unadkat for variety in fast bowling? Good days ahead.